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PROPERTY STILL UNSOLD

NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO. PROVE ABORTIVE.

INDUSTRY'S VICISSITUDES

In spite of current rumours that the property at Deepwater Bay belonging to the Green Island Cement Company, Limited, and abandoned by them some time ago, was to be sold to a private concern for the purpose of establishing there a "Country Club," it was stated by the Chairman of the above company (Mr. J. Scott Harston) at the annual general meeting in the Exchange Building this morning, that the Board had met with little measure of success in the matter of the disposal of the land.

Toward the middle of last year the Company was approached by the Sports Club, who were desirous to obtain an option to purchase the land and the remaining buildings comprising the houses situated on the hill overlooking the site. Owing to various causes, however, negotiations proved abortive, and the land and buildings are still undisposed of.

The Chairman added that, in spite of intensive competition and the vicissitudes of the industry, the Company has not only held its markets, but also opened up new avenues likely to be of benefit on the completion of the new plant, whilst the demand for Green Island cement was increasing.

HIGH COST OF PRODUCTION

Supporting the Chairman at the meeting were the following Directors: Messrs. J. H. Taggart, R. G. Shewan, C. A. da Rosa, Li Tse-fong, Conrad F. Mendham, and the Secretary, Mr. Allan Keith. The shareholders present were Messrs. A. Figueiredo, T. D. Chan, A. Fong, F. E. Silva, P. L. Silva, C. S. Remedios, A. H. Curroll and A. L. Shields.

The report and accounts for the year, which show a profit of \$243,422.13, having been taken as read, the Chairman then read the Auditors' report, which is as follows:—
"We report that we have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books, vouchers and securities of the Company, and that in our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at December 31, 1930, according to the best of our information and the explanations given us, and as shown by the books of the Company. The various stocks are as certified for quantity by the Works Manager, and for value by the Secretary. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required."

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

The Chairman in his address said, inter alia:—From a perusal of the profit and loss account, you will observe that the balance of Working Account (after effecting depreciation to the extent of \$32,147.47 and after providing for the cost of maintenance of the Deep Water Bay property), amounts to \$76,702.11. Notwithstanding the fact that this figure is appreciably less than that shown for the preceding year, it is the opinion of your Board that this result may be regarded as satisfactory, having regard to the age of the existing plant and the high cost of production consequent thereon, and also the fact that, owing to the modernisation of our Works at Hok Un, which is now being proceeded with, expenditure on the existing plant has been reduced to a minimum.

Favourable Rates.
During the year under review, your Board disposed of the major portion of the Company's investments at favourable rates, thus augmenting the Working Profit by a sum of \$149,270.05; the proceeds of such liquidation being utilised for the purpose of financing payments in connection with the new installation.

As you will observe from the credit side of the Profit & Loss Account, the Working Profit was also augmented by the profit on the sale, for demolition purposes, of the buildings and machinery at Deep Water Bay, to which I will

make further reference later. Turning to the debit side of the Profit & Loss Account, you will observe that a sum of \$4,166.65 was paid to the General Managers, this representing the amount due to them by way of commission for the first two months of the financial year. Furthermore, the item, \$20,833.34, appearing under the heading "Compensation to General Managers," represents, for the year 1930, the proportion of the compensation for loss of office, voted to Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co. at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on April 23, 1930. The last item on the debit side of the Profit & Loss Account represents a retiring allowance to our late Works Manager, a matter to which I will also make further reference later.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, there is, I think, little calling for comment, as most of the headings are self-explanatory. I would like, however, to draw your attention to the item "Loan Account & Interest Accrued \$108,537.22," which appeared in the former Balance Sheet for the year ended December 31, 1929, and which has now disappeared, having been retired during the financial year under review.

Liabilities.
Turning to the liabilities side of the Balance Sheet, you will observe that an Exchange Fluctuation Reserve of \$472,578.59 has been created, which item requires some explanation. As you were informed from the chair at an extraordinary general meeting held last year, your Board entered into exchange contracts in the amount of \$200,000 at an average rate of about 1/10¹/₂d. covering commitments in connection with the new plant which is being erected by Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Ltd. Later, however, satisfactory arrangements were effected with Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Ltd. in the matter of deferred payments, and in respect of the above-mentioned amount of \$200,000, \$100,000 was remitted to London to meet payments as they fell due, and the balance of the exchange contracts entered into were liquidated at favourable rates, thus showing an exchange profit to the Company of \$472,578.59, which amount your Board has deemed prudent to utilise for the creation of an Exchange Fluctuation Reserve. In this connection, I may add that, under the arrangements entered into with them, no further remittances will be due to Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Ltd., until the latter half of 1932.

Deep Water Bay Site.
When addressing you at the last annual general meeting, your Chairman outlined the policy of the Board in relation to your Deep Water Bay undertaking, and, in (Continued on Page 9.)

DAIRY FARM'S ACTIVITIES.

Necessity for Milk In Dietary.
SOURCE OF SUPPLY.

Congratulations to the Board of Directors, the management and all responsible for the running of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., was expressed by Mr. F. Austin to-day in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts at the annual meeting of the Company. He said that he, in common with many people, thought that the Dairy Farm was one of the best-run concerns in the Colony.

Mr. J. P. Warren, Chairman, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts said:—

Gentlemen, — Your Directors are pleased to submit what, in their opinion, is a satisfactory statement of the year's working. The balance of profit shown this year has only once previously been surpassed and that was in 1927 which was really an abnormal year owing to the presence of additional troops in the Colony. One of the outstanding features of this year's working is the increase in milk sales, which is most gratifying to all concerned as it shows that the public, particularly the Chinese, are beginning to realise the absolute necessity of milk in their dietary and, furthermore, that discrimination is necessary with regard to the source of supply.

The profit on working for the year amounts to \$598,507.83. Depreciation on buildings and plant has been allowed for on the same scale as last year to the extent of \$145,918.04 and \$15,000 has been placed to the credit of Bad and Doubtful Debts Reserve Account. You will note from the Profit and Loss Account that there is a reduction of \$19,000 in dividends on investments as compared with last year's figure. This is due entirely to the fact that the Company in Shanghai, in which we are interested, paid a smaller dividend this year. The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account amounts to \$327,364.53 which, with the sum of \$24,054.41 brought forward from last year's account, makes a total of \$351,418.94 for appropriation.

Your Directors recommend dealing with same as follows:—
Payment of a dividend of \$1.50 per share on 200,000 shares absorbing \$300,000.00
To add to General Reserve 20,000.00
To Carry Forward \$1,418.94 with which I trust shareholders will concur. If you will refer to the Balance Sheet you will find amongst the liabilities two items each for \$367,380. These represent the payments received to December 31 last on the 48,984 new issue shares applied for up to that date. The item Application Account—New Shares Issue, will be transferred to Capital Account in the 1931 accounts but the item Premium on Shares, representing the premium of \$7.50 per share on these shares will remain as a reserve in the accounts until such time as it is considered necessary or advisable to utilise it.

In view of the excellent results shown I feel sure that you will endorse a bonus of 10 per cent. to the staff on their salaries in recognition of the hard work and loyal support given. When on the subject of the staff I should like to mention that Mr. C. Makeham, who served the Company faithfully and well for the past 36 years, retired from the Company's service during the year and has settled down in Australia, where, I am sure, we all hope he will be long spared to enjoy his retirement.

Effect of Exchange.
Like all other concerns in the Colony we have been forced to raise the price of our commodities as a result of the fall in exchange. Fresh milk, for the first time since 1920, has been increased in price but only to the extent of one cent per bottle. This reflects creditably on the policy followed whereby all animals are withdrawn from the herd immediately they become unprofitable. Our herd, thanks to this policy and to the scientific feeding methods adopted, is now giving results which were almost unthought of 10 years ago. Unfortunately, however, production costs (Continued on Page 9.)

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

SERVICE FROM INDIA TO AUSTRALIA.

HOME DEFENCE

BRITAIN FIFTH-RATE AIR POWER.

London, Yesterday.

In introducing the Air Estimates in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. F. Montague announced that a tentative scheme had been prepared for a weekly air mail service between Calcutta and Australia to link up with the existing Britain to India service.

The scheme had been worked out on the assumption that the stage from Karachi to Calcutta would be operated as an Indian State service in conjunction with Imperial Airways.

The Governments concerned were now considering proposals.

Home Defence.

Mr. Montague stated that during the forthcoming financial year three further squadrons would be provided for Home defence, making 42 squadrons with an approximate first line strength of about 490 aircraft, only two-thirds of which belong to units of the regular Air Force, others being auxiliaries.

This is 10 squadrons fewer than the original scheme authorised for completion by 1930. Great Britain is fifth among the air Powers of the world.

While British air expenditure has slightly decreased that of France has risen by between 130 and 140 per cent., and the United States between 150 and 160 per cent.

Air Supremacy.

Sir Samuel Hoare urged the Government to press for a general scaling down of air expenditure at the forthcoming Disarmament Conference at Geneva, and seriously to give its attention to the question of the Anglo-Franco-Italian agreement to reduce air expenditure and avoid an increase of armaments in the future.

Mr. Montague, in reply, said he hoped that the question of air disarmament would be satisfactorily settled at the coming Disarmament Conference.

It was quite impossible to contemplate beginning a contest for air supremacy on the part of Britain against other countries or combinations of countries.

The House of Commons agreed to the Air Estimates.—Reuter.

CAPT. KEAN BLOWN BRIDGE.

Tragic Tale of Founding of the Viking.

TWENTY-FIVE KILLED.

St. John's, Newfoundland, Yesterday.

Captain Kean and 117 survivors from the Viking landed on Horse Island after twenty hours of suffering on the ice.

Capt. Kean said that he was blown from the bridge by the explosion and injured by falling on the ice.

The cinema director, Friessell, and the explorer, Sergeant, are among the missing. Capt. Kean estimates that the dead number about 25.

"Miraculously Alive."

Later. When hope was abandoned of rescuing any of the three members of the American film party aboard the Viking, the relief ship Sagona

DISTRESSED VESSEL A MYTH.

Police Launches and Tug Go Out.

WILD GOOSE CHASE.

Two Police launches and the Government rescue tug Kau Sing were out on a wild goose chase last night and did not return until early this morning.

Alarm was sent out by the Tsun Wan Police Station that a ship was in distress in Capsulmun Pass and was sounding its siren. The Water Police and Harbour Department immediately made arrangements to send assistance, and at the same time word was sent to get the tug Henry Keswick ready to go out if needed.

The Police launches and the Kau Sing searched along the Pass throughout the night, whilst the Henry Keswick kept up steam ready to leave harbour as soon as word was received that she was required. This message never came through.

The vessels which searched in the Pass could find no distressed vessel and finally returned to harbour.

Possible Explanation.

A possible explanation is that the Tai-O ferry launch had unwittingly caused the scare and the subsequent wild goose chase. It is learned that she usually calls at Mawan to pick up passengers for Hong Kong. The night was very dark so she must have stopped off Mawan in Capsulmun Pass and sounded her siren to attract the attention of any would-be passengers and get them to put out to her in sampans.

This, it is understood, is a practice followed by the ferry launch for some time, when the night was dark. Last night, apparently, she had sounded her siren more persistently because she had not received word from shore, may be because there were no passengers for her that particular night, and subsequently she continued on her way, unaware that the continuous sounding of her siren had attracted the attention of the Police at Tsun Wan and they had sent out the alarm which caused three vessels to go out to hunt for a mythical distressed vessel.

FAIR WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states: The anti-cyclone is central to the North of the Lower Yangtze Valley.

The depression has passed to the East of Tokyo.

Strong monsoon along the S.E. Coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Forecast: — N. E. winds, strong; fair.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m.—1.17 inch. Rainfall since January 1—3.89 inches against an average of 4.58 inches—deficit 0.69 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 8 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	60
Macao	68
Pratas Island	68
Manila	77
Foochow	58
Swatow	56
Chefoo	23
Shanghai	36

signalled that she had found the Bostonian, Henry Sergeant, with two other men miraculously alive in the shattered sealer's store, which was the centre of the explosion.—Reuter.

Earlier News.

New York, Yesterday. The ice breaker Inogen and two Government relief ships, the Sagona and Franklin, are rushing to rescue the Viking survivors, who are still huddled on the ice. Flares and bonfires have been kept burning on Horse Island all night long to aid the survivors, who had only their light and that of the blazing vessel to assist them in their perilous passage across the ice floes.

It is not known how many have been crushed or drowned in falling between the pieces of shifting ice.—Reuter's American Service.

HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY

DIFFICULT YEAR IN REVIEW

SATISFACTORY RETURNS IN SPITE OF DOLLAR DROP.

POSSIBLE PRICE REVISION

An eminently satisfactory year, considering the depressed state of affairs obtaining in the Colony, was reported at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Electric Company this morning.

Consumption figures showed a gratifying increase, and Mr. J. H. Taggart, in the course of seconding the adoption of the report, expressed the pleasure of shareholders at the returns. It was also good to note, he added, that "saturation point" was still "only a phantom."

The possibility of a revision of price to consumers, in view of the exchange drop, was mentioned by the Chairman, who added that no increase would be made if it were at all possible to avoid it. In any case, consumers would have ample and reasonable notice, if such a step had to be taken.

FINE RECORD OF SERVICE

The Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (Chairman of Directors) presided.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen:—The net profit, after providing \$587,166 for depreciation, is \$1,664,449.70 and with the sum of \$102,886.12 brought forward from last account we have \$1,767,335.82 for appropriation, and with this we propose:—
To pay a dividend of \$2.50 per share absorbing \$1,250,000.00
To place to Reserve 500,000.00
To carry forward 142,335.82
The profit on working was less than 1929 by \$25,166 and in view of the increased expenditure generally this may be looked on as a satisfactory result. You will see that depreciation has been increased by some \$33,557 and his has resulted in a net profit showing a decrease of \$66,304 when compared with the previous year.

A Difficult Year.

You will realise that the year just completed has been one of difficulty in many ways owing to the fall in the value of the dollar and the resultant increase in the cost of salaries and various works. As a public utility company we should be loath to increase our charging rates but as salary compensation to the staff is a very large item in the expenditure owing to the present state of affairs and as our contract prices for coal and other necessary supplies are greatly increased there is just the possibility that we may be forced to revise the price of current. Before taking any such step, however, the Company would give consumers reasonable notice.

Referring again to the figures for 1930 the output was \$4,600,000 units and this showed a gratifying increase of 7 to 8 per cent. The number of consumers also increased by over 2,000 making a total of some 32,677. It was largely owing to these increases that the results shown in the year were as satisfactory as they have turned out to be. Government rates have increased and are to be further increased in the future.

You will notice that cash at hand and with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was \$1,411,798 as against \$587,619 at the end of 1929. A considerable portion of this sum would, in the ordinary course, have been placed on fixed deposit, but rates for short term deposits offered little inducement owing to the easy state of the money market.

There are, I think, no further points in the accounts which call for special remark.

Changes In Plant.

On June 21 the No. 1 alternator developed a fault whilst on load and the ensuing fire destroyed the high tension windings of the machine. This turbo set was purchased in 1918-1919. For some years, owing to its small capacity and relatively high steam consumption it has only been kept in service as part of the spare plant.

In view of the steadily increasing output we think our reserve power should not be diminished

and, although a complete repair of this machine was possible, your Directors decided to dispose of the same and to proceed with the installation of a further turbo-alternator in the new turbine room. It was also considered advisable to take advantage of the greater economy now obtainable from the higher steam pressure in general use and to adopt the pressure of 400 lb. per square inch for the new plant. Tenders have been obtained and contracts entered into for the supply of a 12,500 kilowatt turbo-alternator with two boilers suitable for this higher pressure, together with the necessary switchgear and auxiliaries, and it is hoped to have this new plant in operation early in 1932.

The British Thomson-Houston set No. 6 which was installed in the new building during 1929 was constructed in such a manner that it can be converted to the high-pressure steam pressure with increased economy in operation, and this conversion will be undertaken as soon as the new plant has been put into commission.

The old No. 1 turbo set has been sold at a profit and the balance at the credit of this account amounting to \$7,629.76 has been placed to the credit of No. 2 turbo-alternator account.

London Office. Since we met last year Mr. W. H. Wickham has handed over the London representation of the Company to Mr. Marsh. Mr. Wickham was originally connected with Messrs. Johnson & Phillips and came to Hong Kong on business connected with that firm in 1888. About that time it was decided to form the Hong Kong Electric Company, Limited, and advantage was taken of Mr. Wickham's presence in the Colony to get him to draw up a general scheme for electric lighting. His proposals were adopted and he was responsible for the erection of our original station. On the completion of same he was appointed the first Manager of the Company and we have had the advantage of his valuable services for a period of over 40 years.

It must be very gratifying to Mr. Wickham to have watched the continual growth and prosperity of the undertaking which is due in no small measure to his careful guidance in the earlier stages of its career.

Mr. Wickham's Work.
When Mr. Wickham retired your Directors requested me to convey to him an expression of their appreciation of the work done by him during his long and faithful service. This appreciation has been further marked by a small presentation. We hope Mr. Wickham may be long spared to enjoy his well earned leisure. (Applause.)
In view of the difficulties which have been experienced during 1930 your Directors consider that the results have been satisfactory and I once more wish to express their appreciation of the services rendered by the Manager, staff and workmen and with this I am sure the shareholders would like to associate themselves.

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COMPANY MEETINGS

**THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 5th March, 1931, to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 19th Feb., 1931.

**THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD
STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th Feb., 1931.

**THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON
WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1931, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 10th March, 1931, to THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1931.

**THE HONG KONG FIRE
INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 26th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

**JARDINE, MATHESON &
CO., LTD.,**
General Managers.
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1931.

**THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA
DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 30th March, 1931, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 28th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1931.

SPORT NOTICES**H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.**

COMPETITORS are requested to note that a Complete List of Matches fixed for the current week is on view in the Club Pavilion every MONDAY, and that they should make themselves acquainted with the dates on which they are down to play.

Ties in the Handicap Events are now being arranged.

GENERAL NOTICES

**THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI
HOTELS, LTD.**

ISSUE OF NEW SHARES.

THE DIRECTORS of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, have decided to offer the Shares of the NEW ISSUE to those persons who are registered as Shareholders at the close of business on the 31st MARCH, 1931, upon terms and conditions which will be set out in the Form of Offer.

For the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 16th March, 1931.

NOTICE.

**HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE
ASSOCIATION.**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, March 20, at 5.30 p.m.

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TWO AFRICANS.**A RETURN TO THEIR NATIVE COUNTRY.**

Two natives of Africa, Mutia and Riano, both of whom were taken to Hollywood by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer to appear in certain scenes of "Trader Horn," have returned to their native country.

Mutia, a full-blooded Mk'wamba, who plays Trader Horn's gun-bearer in the picture which opened on February 3, last Tuesday evening at the Astor Theatre, on Broadway, New York, and Riano, a Masai tribesman, were with the company during their eight months stay in Africa and were taken back by Director Van Dyke to appear in certain interior scenes which were filmed in Hollywood. The two natives were accompanied by a British interpreter, Saul Rifkin. They speak only their native dialects and Swahili, the language used by traders up and down the East Coast of Africa.

Some trouble was experienced in gaining admittance for the natives into America as it was difficult to prove that they were able to read and write in their own language. Finally they were admitted as artists. Neither of these natives are as uncivilised as their appearance may lead one to suppose. Mutia, a middle-aged man, is a chief of the Mk'wamba, one of the most independent of the native tribes and served as a Sergeant Major with British forces in East Africa during the World War. Riano is a younger man, and a devout Mohammedan. Both men refused to eat meat while in America unless they themselves butchered and dressed it.

Mutia returns to his country a wealthy man. He saved a thousand dollars during his stay in Hollywood and plans to open a trading post on the reserve of his tribe in Uganda. Riano, however, found the entertainment on Central Avenue, the Negro section of Hollywood, much to his liking. He has not saved any money.

W. HAINES.**SURROUNDED BY A BRILLIANT CAST.**

Four noted players were recently added to the cast of "The Impostor" starring William Haines at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios.

Marjorie Rambeau, famous on stage and screen, and who played Bella in Min and Bill teams with Hedda Hopper of "Last of Mrs. Cheyney" fame.

The two debutante daughters, are played by Martha Sleeper, who recently appeared in "War Nurse," and Joan Marsh.

Sam Wood is directing the new production. Dorothy Jordan plays the feminine lead, and Joseph

FRENCH CHAOS.**MORE BANKING SENSATIONS IN PARIS.**

Paris, Feb. 8.
As the outcome of a complaint by the national group of dealers in tobacco, an inspection has been made of the books of the Banque Gugenot et Rouergue formerly the Banque de Cevennes. The group in question had entrusted a million to this Bank, the proceeds of a public loan raised by the group. Some time after it was learned that this money was being used for the personal needs of the directors of the Bank. Investigation by the financial section led to the discovery that the liabilities amounted to 20 millions, and the assets only to 600,000 francs—in the books, the Bank's safes containing 500 francs. Edouard Dattney and Charles de Lagrille have been arrested on a charge of swindling; and the Judge has appointed an expert to ascertain the exact amount of the swindle, the Bank possessing numerous branches in the provinces.

An Alsace Bank.
Strasbourg, Feb. 8.
The Banque Populaire of Alsace has lodged a balance-sheet with the authorities, in which it is understood the liabilities exceed 25 millions. The manager, M. Klein, has fled, and is believed to be hiding in Germany. In a letter addressed to the Prefecture, he is said to have stated that he was going to commit suicide.

A Notary Arrested.
Paul Blanc, a notary of Nice, was arrested this morning, on the charge of embezzling funds amounting to about two millions.

Paris, Feb. 8.
The Press features a new banking sensation, the Banque Gugenot et Rouergue, which maintains numerous branches in the provinces. The Bank's two directors, who misappropriated its funds, have been arrested on a charge of fraud. The Bank's liabilities aggregate twenty million francs, while the assets are estimated at only 500 francs.

STANDARD TIMES.**SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN COLONY.**

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for March 1931, Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich) are as follows:—

Date	a.m.	p.m.
19	6.30	6.34
20	6.28	6.34
21	6.27	6.34
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**CALAMITOUS PRICE
OF SILVER.**

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tion of our currency from the fineness of .925 to that of .500. This caused a large amount of surplus silver to be placed for sale upon the market, approximately 70,000,000 oz. having been disposed of since 1921, in addition to the requirements for foreign coinage orders undertaken by the London mint. This silver was, in due course, absorbed by India and China, together with the world's production as before.

"Following the lead of our Government came Continental nations, who demonetized their currency and flung the silver upon the markets of the world. The manifold way in which India and China stood up to this extra amount of 'production,' for it was little else than that, lasted for some time, but eventually the purchasing power of these countries broke and the price had to fall. The Continental selling practically ceased at about 19d., and at this level the market remained steady for a very long time, and it was then that the Indian Government decided to impose an import duty upon silver into India of about 20 per cent. The consequence was that the silver market could no longer stand the strain and finally succumbed to the inevitable. What, however, has probably contributed most in the past two years to bring about the fall in silver from 24d. to the present level has been the selling of silver by the Indian Government. It was not so much the actual sales that were responsible for the fall, as the uncertainty of their next move. The consequence has been that potential buyers have bought from hand to mouth, dreading that at any moment further sales might be made."

Messrs. Sharps and Wilkins are of the opinion that "conditions at the present time make it an absolute impossibility for the Indian Government to sell silver to any extent. Any attempt to do so would force the price down still lower, just as every previous sale has done in the past." In conclusion it is to be noted that all papers to a varying extent are commenting on the price of silver and the disastrous effect that it has on Great Britain's exports to the East. One can only pray that public opinion may lead to action, though it would be wrong to suggest that the bankers seem particularly helpful.—N. C. Daily News.

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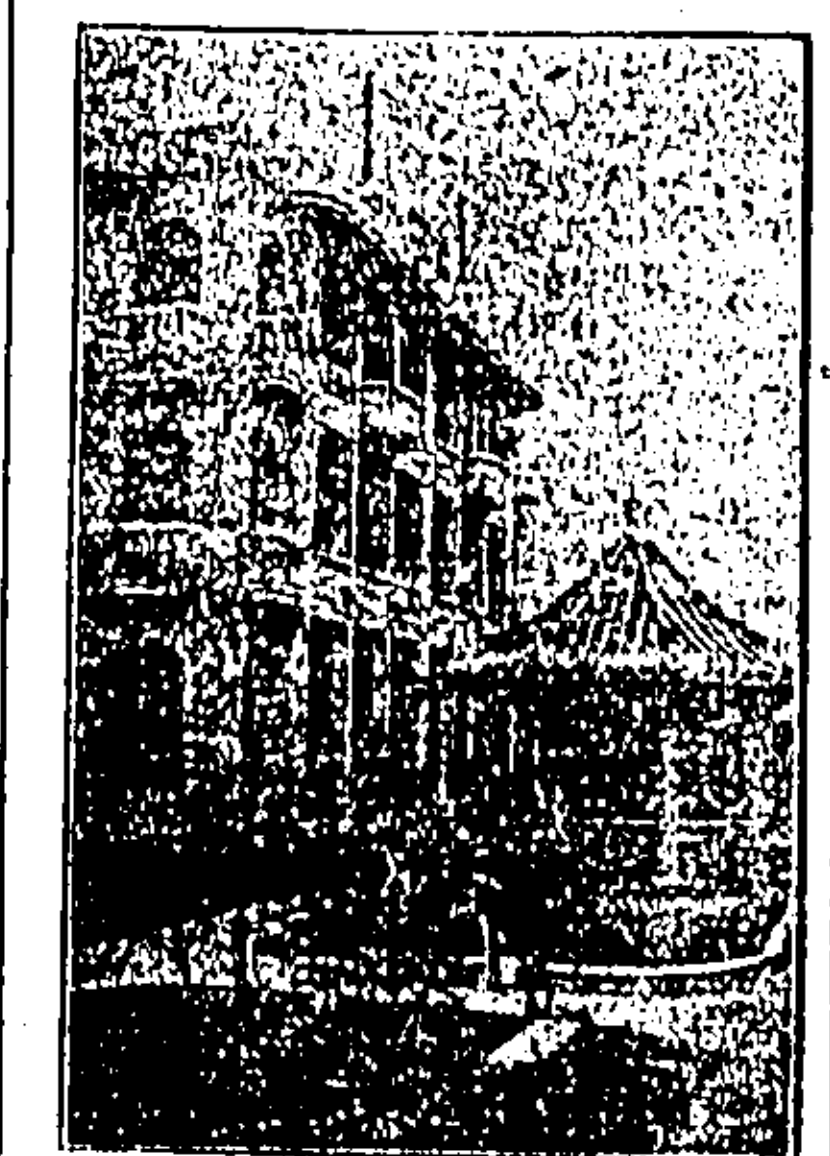
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I now propose that the report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31, 1930, be adopted and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may desire to ask. (Applause.)

MR. J. H. TAGGART.

Mr. J. H. Taggart in seconding the proposal said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:—In rising to second the motion from the Chair, I feel confident that I voice the unanimous views of shareholders present when I affirm that we have listened with no little interest to the very lucid resume you have given us covering the affairs of the Company for the past year. I am equally confident, also, that shareholders are at one with me in regarding the results achieved as eminently satisfactory, particularly in view of the somewhat abnormal conditions prevalent during the major portion of the period under review.

The serious drop in exchange experienced during the year constitutes an extremely adverse factor to a Company which, from the nature of its activities, is compelled to maintain a large indebted personnel; is of necessity a heavy consumer of imported fuel, and has to meet considerable gold commitments from time to time in financing additions and replacements to plant, etc.

Price of Current.

Whilst touching upon the subject of exchange, I feel sure shareholders and consumers alike note with satisfaction your statement intimating that an increase in the price of current will not be imposed unless conditions develop to render such an action imperative, and furthermore that in such an event reasonable notice would be forthcoming from the Company. I venture to think that, from the viewpoint of shareholders, such an action could only be regarded as regrettable, when it is taken into consideration that an increased price tends to restrict consumption, while to the consumer any rise in the price of necessities is always unpalatable.

However, it must be borne in mind that this Company has at all times accorded the utmost consideration to the consumer, and has rendered excellent service at rates bearing favourable comparison with the rates charged by similar public utility organisations, municipal or otherwise, in other parts of the world. As concrete example of this, it is interesting to note that, based upon this Company's existing maximum charge of sixteen cents for even one or two lights only, the sterling cost per unit at exchange 11d. equals 1.76 pence, and at exchange 2/- equals 3.54 pence, whereas in Britain the rate for lighting ranges from 3½d to 6

pence per unit. I submit that these comparative figures demonstrate very forcibly the fact that the local consumer has received the benefit of an efficient service at an extremely moderate charge.

Unit Output.

The figures you have given us with regard to the increase achieved in the unit output are pleasing, and provide an element tending to the confusion of those critics whose pessimistic predictions have at times inferred that this Company's output is rapidly nearing saturation point.

As a matter of interest, it would appear from the figures referred to that present consumption is in the vicinity of 70 units per capita of the island population, whereas, according to my impression, in Britain the unit consumption reaches 400 to 500 units per capita of the population. Due regard must, I know, be paid to the somewhat different mode of life prevailing; nevertheless it would certainly appear that what may be termed the spectre "Saturation Point" is a phantom at present far beyond the horizon so far as this Company is concerned, notwithstanding the somewhat circumscribed area within which it operates.

Forty Years of Service.

Shareholders will undoubtedly desire to be associated with the Board in their expression of appreciation to Mr. W. H. Wickham in respect of his pioneer work and valuable services on behalf of this Company continuing over the lengthy period of over forty years. In his well earned retirement, which we trust he will be long spared to enjoy, it will doubtless be a source of no little satisfaction to Mr. Wickham to watch the steady progress made by the undertaking upon the origin of which he bestowed much labour; with which he has been so long and honourably associated, and to the success of which he has largely contributed by his expert advice.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Board, the General Agents, and the personnel of the Company, on the results of the year's operations, which results reflect not only great credit on the able administration exerted, but bear also eloquent testimony to the soundness of the policy pursued in keeping abreast of the times in the matter of modernisation of the plant, resulting in substantive demonstration of the stability of the Company. (Applause.)

Consumption Avenues.

Mr. Frank Austin suggested that the use of electrical current might be "popularised," especially for cooking and heating purposes. Whilst not claiming to be an expert himself, he suggested that the possibilities of increased consumption might be explored by the Company. In this connection he thought that the initial cost to would-be purchasers might be made as light as possible.

The Chairman intimated that the Company would bear the matter in mind, and were in fact looking into all avenues for increased consumption.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Mr. J. P. Warren and the Hon. Sir Shou-sen Chow, retiring Directors, were re-elected by a resolution proposed by Mr. Paul Lauder and seconded by Mr. W. E. Smith.

Messrs. Linstead & Davis were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$2,500 by a resolution proposed by Mr. Wong Ping-sun and seconded by Mr. F. Austin.

SEQUEL TO REVOLT IN SPAIN.

Army Captain Sentenced to Death.

JACA-RISING SEQUEL.

Madrid, Yesterday. A private court-martial held in Huesca, which tried 81 officers and men, mostly cavalry, involved in the rising at Jaca in December, has concluded. It is revealed from high authority that Captain Sediles has

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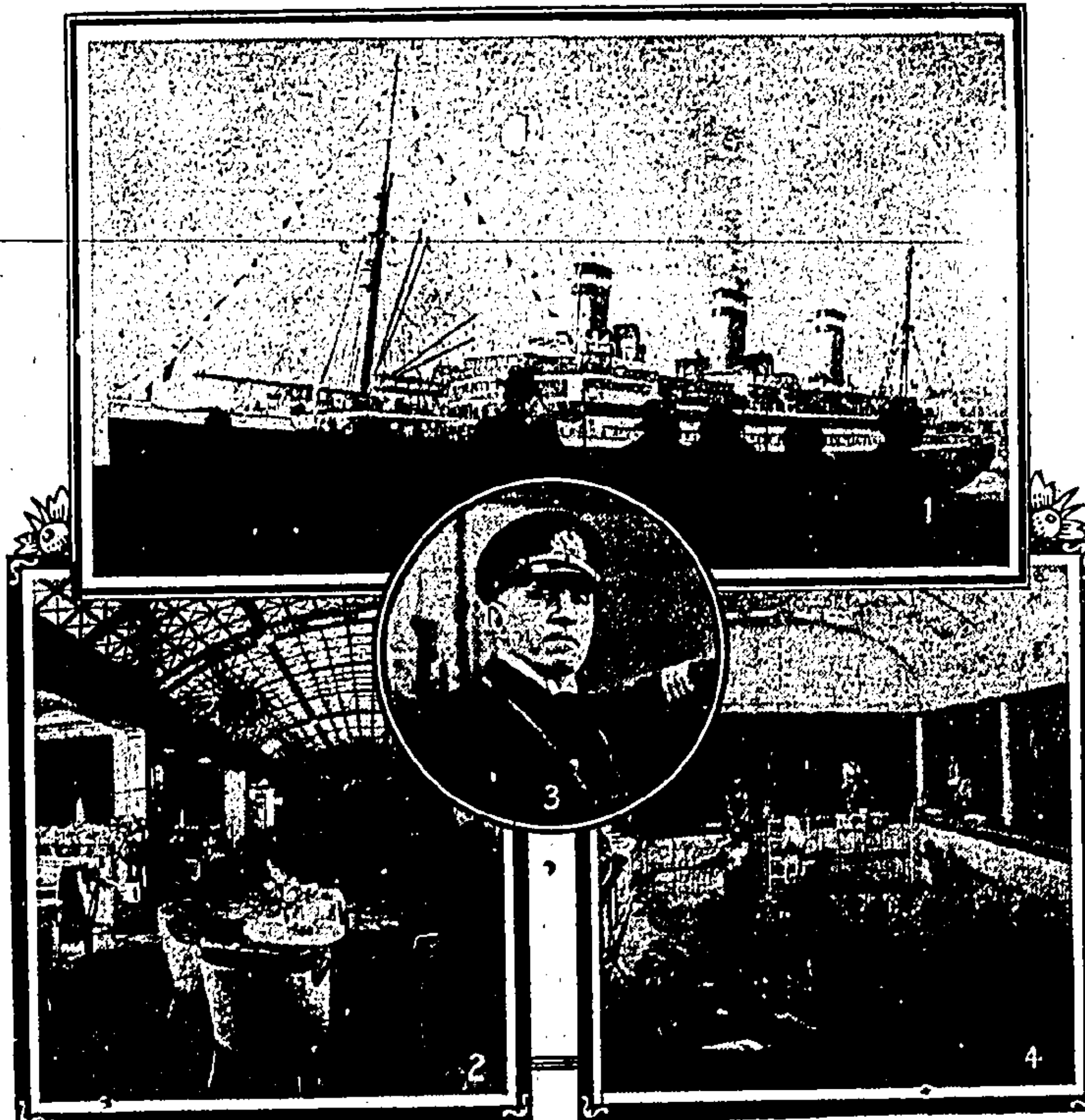
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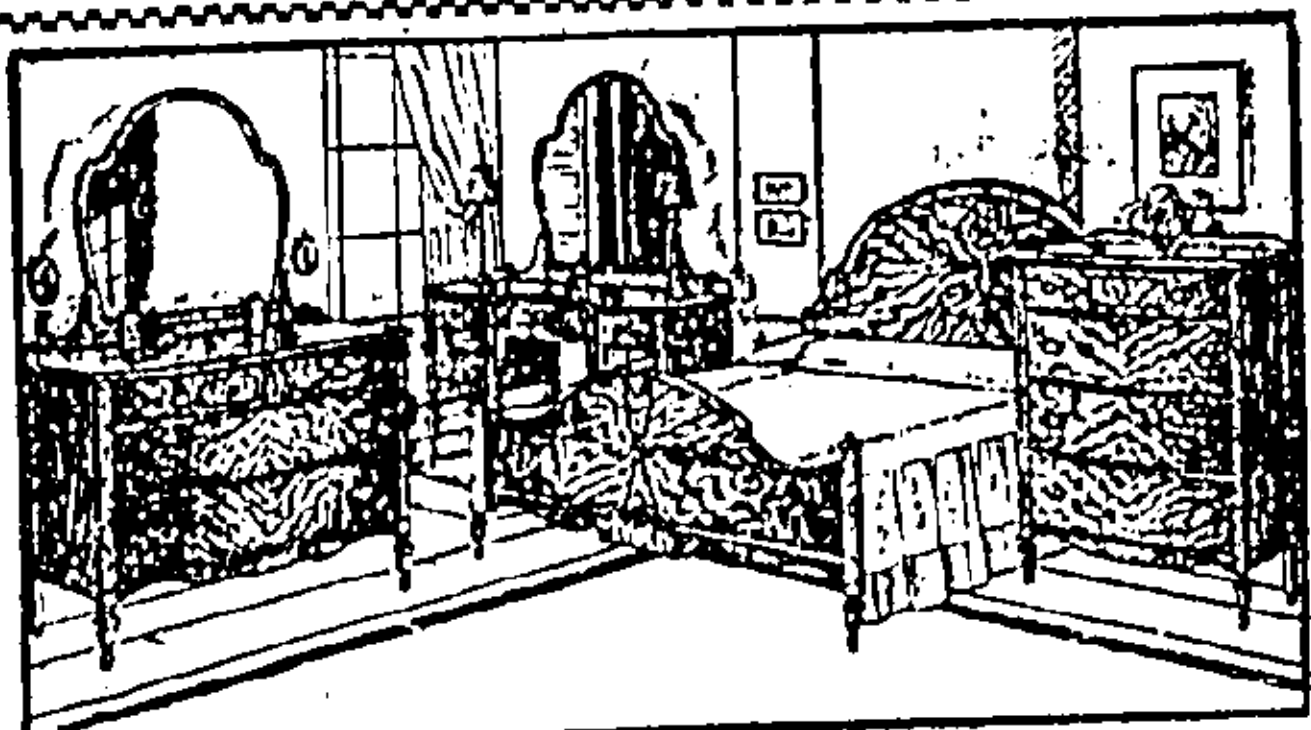
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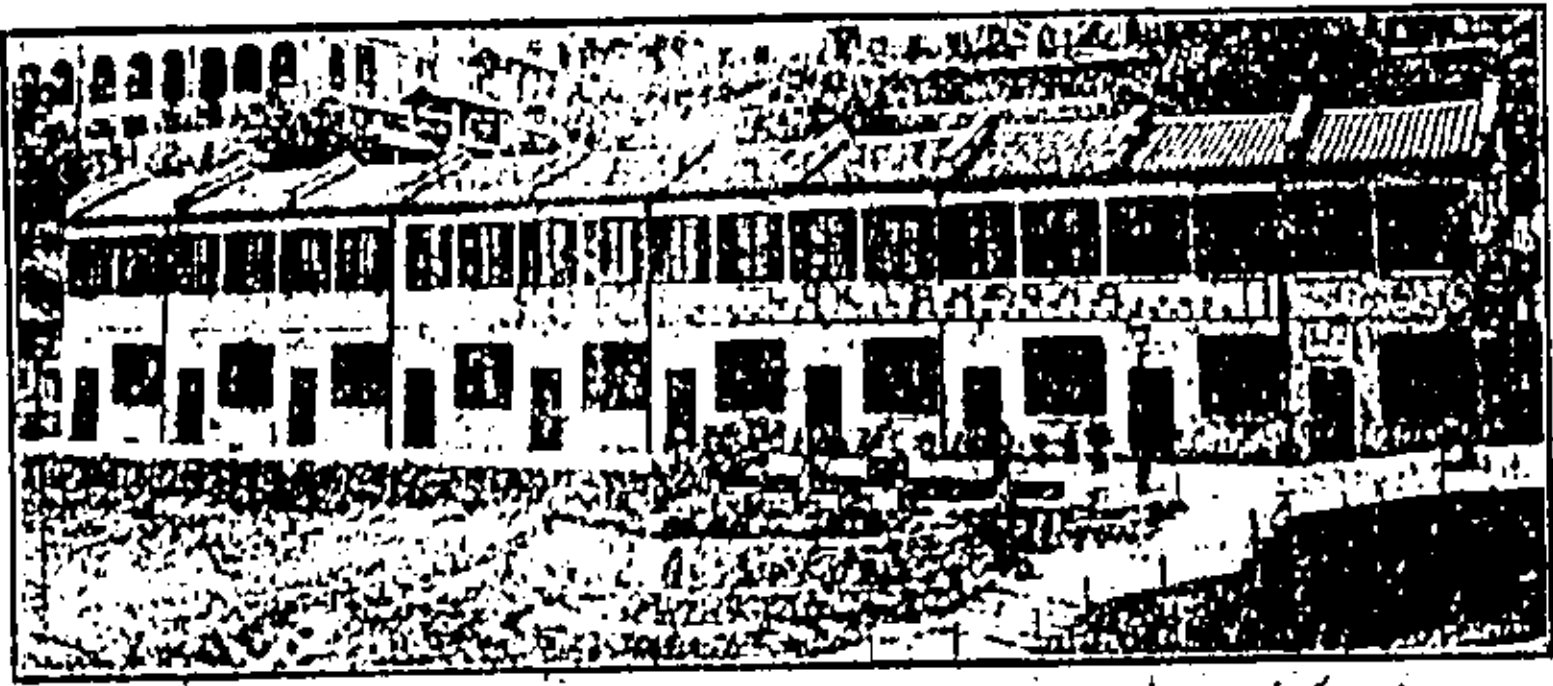


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BRITISH JOURNALISM.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin is evidently an angry man. He has broken the unwritten convention that Party leaders should not speak at by-election meetings, his flimsy excuse being that "the circumstances of this case are exceptional." They are! The official Conservative candidate is being opposed not by a Liberal or a Labourite but by an independent Conservative who has revolted, like many others of the same Party, against Mr. Baldwin's leadership. Exceptional circumstances? Very!

It must jar on the nerves of any leader who has served his Party so faithfully and well as has Mr. Baldwin, whose political opponents are ever ready to give credit where credit is due, whether or not he is at the head of the Cabinet or at the head of the Opposition in the House of Commons. Unkind things were said of Mr. Baldwin when he was Conservative leader, but he had more dignity than to fly into a passion, intervene at a by-election, and use all the powers of invective at his command against a section of the Press that did not see eye to eye with his policies. Mr. Baldwin apparently cannot brook criticism from his own Party or from any section of the Press. He does well to state that the British Press is the admiration of the world for fairness, ability, and high principles, but he does it a distinct disservice when he singles out a section of it and alleges that certain newspapers are "engaged in propaganda for constantly changing policies, desires, personal wishes, likes and dislikes, of two

men whose methods are misrepresentation, half truths, suppression"—and something worse that borders on libel and which we do not repeat even though gratuitously cabled by Reuters' Telegram Agency.

Mr. Baldwin himself complains of an alleged libel in the Daily Mail which "could only have been written by a cad." He asserts that he "has been legally advised that he could sue for libel," which proves that he has actually consulted his solicitors. But does he act on that advice? Not he! He dismisses the matter in the tone of a martyr—an "apology" would be valueless and "he would not touch damages with a barge pole." Then why take advantage of a by-election to air his grievances on the public platform? If he is so convinced that the alleged libel of which he complains was written by a "cad," why does he not take the one course open to a gentleman of honour—treat him with silent contempt or seek out the Daily Mail man who "passed" the article for publication and give him the thrashing he feels he deserves. Why descend to scurrilous language, and hold up the Press to the scorn of all who have higher opinions of the British Press of to-day?

The Rothermere and the Beaverbrook newspapers may publish scathingly critical articles about this, that, and the other politician or policy, but we have yet to learn that there is one member of their staffs to whom the ugly epithet of "cad" can be applied. Journalists are not built that day nowadays in Fleet Street, and when Mr. Baldwin in a fit of spleen libels one he libels them all. His tirade must leave all journalists cold. They can forget his outburst of bad temper in the calm consciousness that misrepresentation, half truths, and suppression—and worse—are not and never shall be their tools of trade. If Mr. Baldwin gained "kudos" by his historic speech the other day on India, he has certainly forfeited the respect of every right-thinking journalist in the country by his descent into the rhetorical wells of invective and slander against one of the most conscientious professions in the realm.

News in Brief.

Lammart Brothers advertise an auction of furniture at 5 Carnarvon Building, Kowloon, on Tuesday at 10.30 a.m.

Knocked down by a public motor car outside 17, Queen's Road West, Chan Wa-pui (16) was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from an injury to his spine, from which he died later.

Sir Robert Ho Tung left for Shanghai and the North of China this morning by the s.s. Tatsuta Maru.

An entertainment for children and adults will be given in the Helena May on Thursday, March 26, at 5.30 p.m., when Professor Weldon Talawar will show some of his wonderful tricks and novelties. This is an excellent show; please book your tickets in advance.—Advt.

In the Kowloon Police Court yesterday Chan Chi, a cook employed by Ho Tung, master of the Leung Hop fruit store at No. 23, Woosung Street, was sent to jail for six months for stealing four bangles and \$360 from his master on February 15, besides 14 days for the theft of a bottle of hair oil. He had had a duplicate made of the key of the safe from which the money was stolen, and, when arrested, had \$100 for which he could give no reasonable explanation.

MISSING MEN FOUND BY R.A.F.

Desert Tragedy
Averted.

London, Feb. 18.
Cairo.—The Royal Air Force have again come to the rescue of men lost in the desert.

A British official attached to the wireless section of the State Telegraph's Administration and another Briton, whose motor-car apparently missed the track and then broke down, had been lost in the desert between Cairo and Dakhla for two days.

They had almost been given up when searching Royal Air Force planes sighted them, dropped food and water and wirelessed to the Telegraph Administration, whose mobile wireless lorry was despatched to pick up the wanderers.

The incident is regarded as emphasising the wisdom of the rule of the Frontier District's Administration that not fewer than two cars shall traverse the desert at a time.

TRADE CONDITIONS.

INVESTIGATION MISSION FROM CANTON.

Canton, Yesterday.
The Canton Chamber of Commerce is the recipient of a wire from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in the South Seas to the effect that an Overseas Chinese Commercial Investigation Mission will start on a trip on March 25 for Hong Kong, going thence to Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Tientsin, Tsinan and Tientsin, with the object of studying the commercial conditions in China.

The wire adds that it is now the proper time for the development of trade between China and the South Seas, due to the present rise of gold, hence the organization of the Commercial Investigation Mission.—Canton News Agency.

SIR W. M. HEWLETT.

RECEIVED AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

London, Yesterday.
H.M. the King has received, at Buckingham Palace, Sir W. M. Hewlett, former Consul General at Nanking, on whom His Majesty recently conferred a Knighthood, and invested him with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.—Reuter.

EXPRESS DERAILED.

New York, Yesterday.
Only four persons were seriously injured in the express derailment. There were no fatalities.—Reuter's American Service.

[The Philadelphia-New York express was derailed at Bristol, Pennsylvania, three luggage cars falling down an embankment. Several persons were seriously injured.]

BOMBS IN BELGRADE.

Belgrade, Yesterday.
Four bombs exploded early this morning outside the Government offices. It is reported that an officer was killed and several persons were injured.—Reuter.

PADDY COMES INTO HIS OWN

IRISH SOCIETY'S BALL

INITIAL CELEBRATIONS PROVE A
GREAT SUCCESS.

KISSING THE BLARNEY STONE

For the first time in local history the members of the Irish colony in Hong Kong received official recognition last night, when His Excellency (Sir William Peel, K.B.E., C.M.G.), and Lady Peel were among the guests of honour.

The chieftains of St. George's and St. Andrew's Society appeared to enjoy the hospitality of "Pat" which, owing to the genius of Mr. F. P. R. James (the Chairman), was a trifle strenuous at times, especially during the ceremony of kissing the Blarney Stone, for which one had to lean perilously over a turret and get one's silk lapels smeared with paint.

It cannot be said even at a long stretch or from a misguided sense of patriotism that the jigs and reels were a success, but that was generally because people would dance them who had never seen them before or attended the practices. But it was a great night, and the music, the banners, the flags, and the merry faces conspired to make mere Englishmen forget the battle of the Boyne.

PRESIDENT'S WITTY SPEECH

The decorations were admirably done and it was surely a stroke of native genius to hang the illuminated words, "Cead Mile Failte," of hospitality and welcome, over the main entrance. The ball room presented an animated appearance, the columns being draped with green and white bunting, and the walls hung with the coats of arms of various provinces. In the far corner to the right of the dais was a realistic replica of Blarney Castle, which one entered in order to kiss the famous Stone and afterward received a certificate of proficiency in eloquence or, in other words, "blarney."

The whole of the arrangements were efficient and the Committee is to be thanked for the fact that every phase of the Ball went without a hitch.

His Excellency the Governor and the official party arrived about 9.45 and were met at the entrance by the acting President, Colonel C. D. Myles, R.A.M.C., and Mr. L. N. Murphy, by whom they were conducted to the ball room, where Lady Peel received a bouquet of shamrock from the Colleen and Sir William a blackthorn stick.

Colonel C. D. Myles, O.B.E., in proposing the loyal toast, addressed the gathering as follows:—

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

In the absence of our President, Sir Joseph Kemp, it falls to me to propose the Toast of the Patron Saint.

Before I am after giving you the Toast, may I say a few words in regard to the formation of the Society.

Sir Joseph Kemp being on leave, I was called upon to wear the "Mantle," and though being a "Griffin" and unworthy, I felt I should do everything possible to help Irishmen in Hong Kong to form a Saint Patrick's Society.

Early in the year, Irish inhabitants were approached on the subject. All were anxious that a Society should be formed—ways and means remained. A General Meeting was held, and a Committee elected. It was decided to celebrate the Patron Saint's day with a Ball. Sub-Committees were co-opted, and "That's how we beat the Favourite," and all who attended the last meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will realise what we were up against.

Time was limited, enthusiasm great, and the precepts of the couplet, "The best way to lengthen the day, is to borrow a bit from the Night," were strained to breaking point.

The Hat Trick.

One became an exponent in the art of the "Chairman's Hat Trick." That is to say, to listen to a report by the Musical Expert, write a note to the Reception Committee, and criticise our Artists' work simultaneously and at the same time became easy. Sir Boyle Roche's bird was beaten. One could be in two places and on one's way to a third at the same time.

There has been a great deal of work done by the Committee and Sub-Committees in the short time at their disposal, and I feel sure I am voicing the wishes of the Society when I offer them our heartfelt congratulations and best thanks.

They are the pioneers and "The Three Musketeers" of St. Patrick's Society.

Mr. B. H. Collis-Hallowes—for his work as Hon. Treasurer.
Mr. Andrew Harper—for his splendid donation to the funds of the Society and a gift of Irish Melodies, some of which you have heard to-night.

The Colleen also did their share, and risking the fate of Paris, I pass the "Murphy" to:—Miss Peyton—for her excellent designs. To her we owe our crest. Mrs. Eldon Potter—for sheer hard work and her design of the Committee badge.

Mrs. Cressy—a master mind on reception work.
Mrs. Pascoe—our first life member, for her work in connection with the Decorations and Supper Room.

Mrs. Scott-Little—our accomplished musician, for excellent work in connection with our music programme.

The Basic Aims.
The basic aims of St. Patrick's Society, Hong Kong are:—
"Charity" and "Goodwill" amongst Irishmen in the East"—A good slogan and worth a special effort.

An Annual Ball is a very fine way to bring people into touch and promote sympathy, but a livelier and more lasting liaison is to be found in pursuing subsidiary lines such as Sports and Art. Suchlike are required to follow the spirit of the Annual Ball, and thus keep the interest in the Society alive.

I therefore urge those members of the Society who have ideas on this subject to communicate with our energetic Secretaries, Mr. G. P. Murphy or Lieut. P. T. Mahony, at P.O. Box 417. You will easily remember the number, as it is the year in which Saint Patrick was ordained.

Four returner a nos moutons—The Toast of our Patron Saint.

The Patron Saint.
Historians differ widely in regard to the life of St. Patrick. Some maintain he was born on the Clyde, others at Davenport. None will allow that he might have been born in Ireland. "Another injustice."

However, like many other foreigners who came to Ireland and learned to know the Irishman at home, he decided to live amongst them. He was an exception to the rule of those who become more Irish than the Irish themselves, in that he brought good.

His return to Ireland with a beatific mission is fully appreciated by all Irishmen, and they alone can understand the difficulties which faced him.

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Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of March 18, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/3-1/2.

Work in all the Chinese printing shops in Hong Kong came to a standstill this morning when the employees went on strike—to enforce their demand for an eight-hour day instead of the 11-hour day hitherto worked. After the men had been out two hours 20 shops agreed to give an eight-hour day, a whole day off on Sunday, and overtime at double rates. Over 40 shops, however, refused to meet the demands of their employees.

PADDY COMES INTO HIS OWN.

(Continued from Page 6.)

To be brief, St. Patrick, when a youth, was captured by an Irish Sea-Rover, sold into bondage in Ireland, worked for many years as a Swine herder, and escaped to Gaul. He then studied Christianity under St. Martin of Tours, in order to render himself fit for what he had laid down as the work of his life, the introduction of Christianity into Ireland.

Completely Converted. On completion of his studies he went to Rome, and laid his project before the illustrious Pope Celestine I., who commissioned him to spread the Gospel to the Irish people. In the course of 50 years he completely converted the Irish people to Christianity. Ireland thus, at a time when Western Europe was being overrun by pagan hordes, became the Centre of a very high civilisation and culture, and the Nidus of Christian Missions to all neighbouring countries.

He was a man of striking personality. He returned good for evil. He cleansed Ireland and cast the snakes out.

He rose from Swine Herd to Primate.

He lived to the great age of 120 years.

He succeeded where Palladius failed.

Proof of Greatness. All these go to show exceptional merit, but outstanding in proof of greatness is the fact that for 1,500 years all Irishmen depart from their National privilege of agreeing in disagreement, and with one accord laud him.

(Lines from old Hymn to St. Patrick.)

"Thy people, now exiles on many a shore, Shall love and revere thee till time be no more;

And the fire thou hast kindled shall ever burn bright, Its warmth undiminished, undying its light."

Other nations have adopted Patron Saints, or have had them



Foreman: "What! They've stolen all those shovels, barrels, everything?"

Watchman: "Yes, but what I want to know is, how they stole the box I was sitting on without waking me."

Passing Show, London.

given to them, but St. Patrick is essentially the Father of the Irish People. His mentality is stamped on them to this day. It is from his own hands that we have our National Emblem, the lovely Shamrock which he used to demonstrate the Doctrine of the Trinity to his Pagan Audience on the Hill of Tara. His devotion to duty, tenacity of purpose, courage in facing difficulties, indomitable resolution, perseverance, and ceaseless work, should be an inspiration to all Irishmen in their allotted daily task.

"Won't You, Will You?"

Ere I close I must thank you all for answering the call of our Committee "Won't you, will you, won't you, will you join the dance," so magnificently.

I must also say good-bye. Like St. Patrick in the ancient City of the Seven Hills, here, under the Seven Dragons, I feel the call of Erin, and like the Irish Emigrant "By to-morrow morning I'll be on the way."

The memories of a night like this, and the feeling that one has been of some little assistance to such an energetic committee, in giving expression to the aspiration of Irishmen in Hong Kong, will make my leave more enjoyable.

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, I call upon you to join me in the Toast:

"The Blessed Memory of Saint Patrick."

The Guests. Mr. F. P. R. James, M.C., in proposing the Toast of "Our Guests and the land we live in," said:

Your Excellencies, Ladies, Gentlemen, and Members of St. Patrick's Society, it is my great honour and pleasure to-night to propose the healths of our numerous and distinguished guests and of this land we live in.

Our young Society, born only at the beginning of this year, must indeed feel very proud on the occasion of its first, chief annual function in receiving as its honoured guests such distinguished representatives of all circles in this Colony, who by their very presence here to-night, and by their

gentle sociability have diffused such an air of gaiety which has gone a great way towards making this evening a success.

Governor's Alacrity.

The alacrity of Sir William and Lady Peel in accepting our invitation to-night has given a fillip to our Society which cannot be over-estimated, and has helped us in a most appropriate manner to fulfil that portion of our "Basis of Constitution" which pledges us to celebrate the anniversary of St. Patrick. As a souvenir of this evening I have much pleasure in asking H.E. to accept from the hands of Miss Mahony a small gift from the Society—a blackhorn walking stick.

I think I am right in saying that this is the first public non-official function attended by H.E. Admiral Sir Howard Kelly since his arrival as C. in C. China Station, and it is a matter of great pleasure to St. Patrick's Society to welcome him as his first hosts.

We are disappointed to find that possessing such a distinguished surname he is English but greatly rejoiced to learn that Lady Kelly is Irish.

Ireland for hundreds of years has maintained most intimate and friendly relations with France, and it is most distinctly fortunate that the visit of Admiral B. Herr to Hong Kong covers this evening and we have thus been able to receive himself his officers, Monsieur and Madame Defaure de la Prade as our guests and express our happiness in once more demonstrating our cordial feeling toward the Great French Nation.

Admiral Kelly.

In the persons of H.E. Admiral Kelly and Commodore Walker we are toasting the R.N. and the N.A.F. We residents in the Far East are fortunate in seeing a great deal more of, and being in much closer contact with these arms of the Service than we perhaps would be at home. It is largely owing to them that this Colony exists, and in troubled times they afford protection to all nationalities on the inland waterways of this great adjacent continent, and when our stay in this Island of Fragrant Streams is over they keep the seas open for our safe return home.

General Sandilands.

H.E. Gen. J. W. Sandilands has been some years out East and is well known to many and in toasting him we toast all members of the British Army.

Since that last little affair in Europe we have come to know our Army better than ever before, and in these days when we are so prone to dwell on the devastations of the great War, it is only right we should sometimes consider the good which has resulted from it. Foremost I should place the greater understanding which has grown up between men of different outlooks, professions and interests. It is this understanding that assures us that our army will be able to meet every contingency with honour and with eventual, if not with instant and immediate success.

An Old Resident.

Ladies and Gentlemen, The Hon. Mr. J. R. Wood is an old resident here and we are pleased in welcoming him and the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Attorney General, as representatives of the Judiciary of this Colony.

Amongst our other members of the consular body is Mr. Shantz the U.S. Consul representing that hospitable Republic in which so many of our relatives have made their home, and Mr. Shantz's presence here is a matter of great pleasure to all of us.

Sir Shou-son Chow.

Another of our important guests is Sir Shou-son Chow, Senior Chinese Member of the Legislative Council who is one of the representatives of the bulk of the public amongst whom our lot is cast. We Westerners cannot regale our guests with the pomp and circumstance of the glamouring East. We are in our manner rough and sometimes I fear in the eyes of the Chinese even rude, but I am certain that our friends know us too well to judge by mere externals the sincere regard which we feel towards them.

When we reflect how much our peace and ease of mind is due to the man in blue, we shudder to think what would be our plight if he and his uniform were suddenly to desert the streets. We are fortunate in entertaining many members of the H.K.P. and S.M.P. and in doing so are able to express to some small extent our appreciation of their sterling services.

Rival Societies.

Amongst our other guests we have Mr. T. Pearce, President of St. George Society; Mr. T. H. R. Shaw, Chairman of St. Andrew's Society; Mr. Scott Harston, Vice-President of Yorkshire Men's Society; by whose presence we express our cordial feelings towards all kindred societies of the British Race, whom we will attempt to rival only in the measure of our hospitality.

Sir Joseph Kemp. We have numerous other distinguished guests whom time does not permit me to name. As stated

PACIFIC RELATIONS.

OBJECTS EXPLAINED TO ROTARIANS.

MR. SHENTON TO ATTEND.

At the weekly tiffin of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong yesterday, Dr. Z. T. Yui spoke upon the nature and meaning of the fourth conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations, which is to be held in Hangchow in October.

The work of the Conference, it was explained, would consist for the main part of a free and open discussion of the various problems in the Pacific, with a view to fostering goodwill amongst the various nations concerned. The speaker outlined the history of the Institute, since the international conference held in Peking in 1922. The first and second conferences were held later in Honolulu in 1925 and 1927, and the third in Kyoto in 1929. The coming conference in Hangchow would be the fourth, they being held bi-annually.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton will be one of the fifteen delegates to the conference.

A WEEK'S DISEASES.

FATAL CASES OF ENTERIC AND DIPHTHERIA.

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended March 14 is as follows:

Diphtheria	Cases	Deaths
Enteric fever	4	1
Tuberculosis	3	2
	49	

Summary to March 14.

The returns from January 1 to March 14 give the following figures:

Typhoid	Cases	Deaths
Small-pox	45	7
Scarlet fever	6	4
Diphtheria	2	—
Cerebro-spinal fever	34	13
Puerperal fever	4	2
Tuberculosis	2	1
	500	

Thirteen of the typhoid cases were non-Chinese, as were two scarlet fever cases, one small-pox case, and eleven diphtheria cases.

Three cases of typhoid fever and one of diphtheria were notified on Monday—all Chinese.

Yesterday one Chinese case of diphtheria was notified.

by Col. Myles we regret the absence of our President Sir J. Kemp but feel that in the person of Col. C. D. Myles, O.B.E., our First Vice-President, he could not be replaced by a better or keener man. A great deal of the success of this evening is due to his personal efforts. We held our Inaugural General Meeting on January 8 this year and our first Committee Meeting on January 20 at which Col. Myles was elected a vice-President. By 9 a.m. the day following he had obtained the acceptance of H.E. Sir William and Lady Peel of our invitation to this Ball the success of which from thence was a foregone conclusion.

Members of St. Patrick's Society, I ask you to rise and cordially drink the health of Their Excellencies, our other guests, and the Colony of Hong Kong.

H.E. the Governor Replies.

H.E. the Governor, in a brief reply, thanked the Society for their hospitality, and congratulated them on their successful inauguration. He stated that he had a great affection for the Irish people, although he had not yet visited Ireland.

Sir William also thanked the Society for the walking stick they had presented to him. He paid a tribute to the work of Colonel Myles, and wished him a happy holiday. His Excellency then proposed the toast of success and prosperity for the St. Patrick's Society.

Official Guests.

The official guests were:

H.E. and Lady Peel, Vice-Admiral Sir Howard and Lady Kelly, Major-General Sandilands, Vice-Admiral B. Herr, Commodore and Mrs. Walker, Sir Shou-son and Lady Chow, His Hon. Justice J. R. Wood, and Sir Wm. Hornell.

The Committees.

The various committees were:— Reception:—Col. Myles, Prof. F. E. Redmond, Mr. L. M. Murphy, Mrs. Myles, Mrs. Eldon Potter.

Music and Dance:—Mr. E. H. Williams, Mr. G. P. Murphy, Mrs. Scott Little, Mr. J. C. Grenham.

Cloakroom:—Mr. M. G. O'Connor, Mr. T. C. Monaghan, Mrs. B. Pascoe.

Bar:—Lieut. P. T. Mahony, Mr. T. Murphy, Mr. C. P. Falon, Mr. R. Faton, Mr. W. Hill.

Supper:—Mr. F. P. R. James, Dr. G. M. Pope, Lieut.-Comdr. S. E. Brown, Rev. J. Giles, Mrs. B. Pascoe.

Decorations:—Mr. F. P. R. James, Mr. J. Fraser, Mr. J. Harrison, Mr. B. Flaherty, Mrs. B. Pascoe, Mr. P. Mahony, Miss Poynton.

Cabled Greetings.

Cables have been received by the St. Patrick Society from the following:

"On behalf of the people of Northern Ireland I send you hearty greetings—Abercorn, Governor."

"I thank you for greetings and send very best wishes to your Association.—James McNeill, Governor-General, Free State."

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

Friday—Yorkshire Society's Dinner.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

"High Society Blues." Theatre

To-day—Central Theatre.

"Fashions in Love." Theatre.

To-day—Majestic Theatre.

"Delightful Rogue." Theatre.

To-day—Star Theatre.

"Faust." Theatre.

To-day—World Theatre.

"Flying Swords Woman." (Chinese picture).

To-morrow—Concert, Helena May Institute.

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.

Meetings.

Friday—Victoria Diocesan and Association, 5.15 p.m.

Friday—Hong Kong Automobile Association, Jardine Matheson Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

March 30—Society of St. George, Jardine Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

March 30—Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 2, Queen's Building, noon.

Home Malls.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Eurylochus); from Outward for Europe via Siberia (Soudan), 6 p.m.

Lammert's Auction.

Tuesday—At 5, Carnarvon Bldg., Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

Monday—St. Joseph's College prize distribution, 5 p.m.

To-morrow—Lecture by Prof. C. A. Middleton Smith, University, 8.30 p.m.

BOXER INDEMNITY

BILL RECEIVES ROYAL ASSENT.

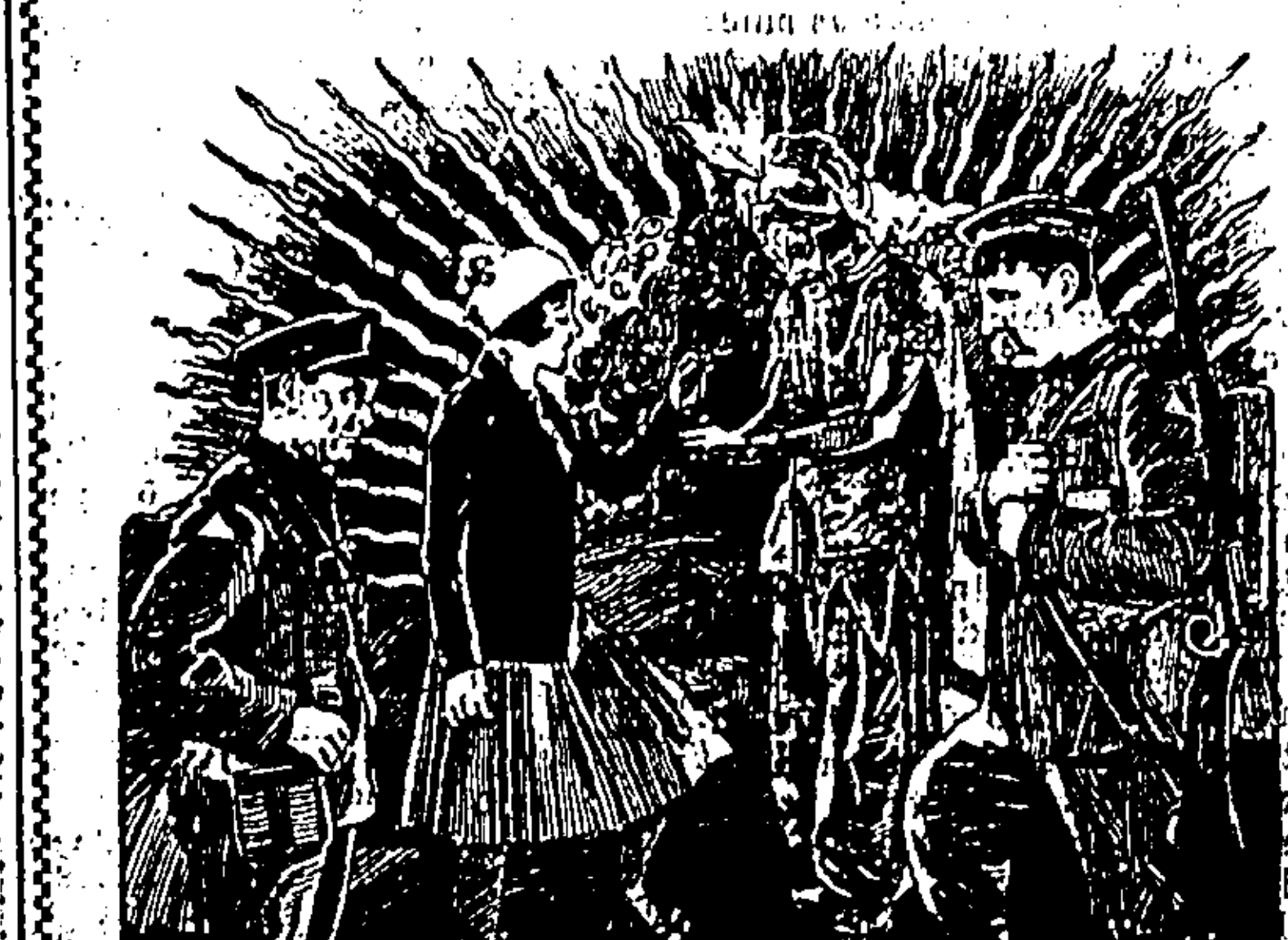
London, Yesterday.

The China Indemnity Application Bill having received the Royal assent, the British Government has, through Sir Miles Lampson, notified the Nanking Government of the British ratification of the Boxer Indemnity agreement signed at Nanking last October, providing for the purchase of railway materials.

The British Government has also sent to Nanking a list of British members of the London Purchasing Commission, as to which the Board of Trustees in China will be consulted.

Meanwhile, there is a constant stream of enquiries from engineering interests regarding the supply of railway materials, which have to be bought in Britain.

The next development that will follow will be an announcement from Nanking of the actual formation of the Board of British and Chinese Trustees.—Reuter.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd March to 31st March, 1931, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED.

General Managers.

Hong Kong, March 18, 1931.

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PRIEST HELD.

TIME LIMIT FOR RANSOM EXTENDED.

Peking, Yesterday.

The "Red" bandits who are holding Father Tierney have extended by a fortnight the time limit in which the additional ransom demanded must be paid.—Reuter.

[A message from Peking dated the 10th inst. stated that the Kiangsi Government had sent \$2,000 to the Catholic Mission which would be given to the bandits in order to avert the immediate murder of Father Tierney, of the Columbian Mission, who was captured at Kienchang last November. The bandits are still holding him, demanding \$11,000, and there is much anxiety, as he is believed to be in very poor health as a result of the hardships of his captivity.]

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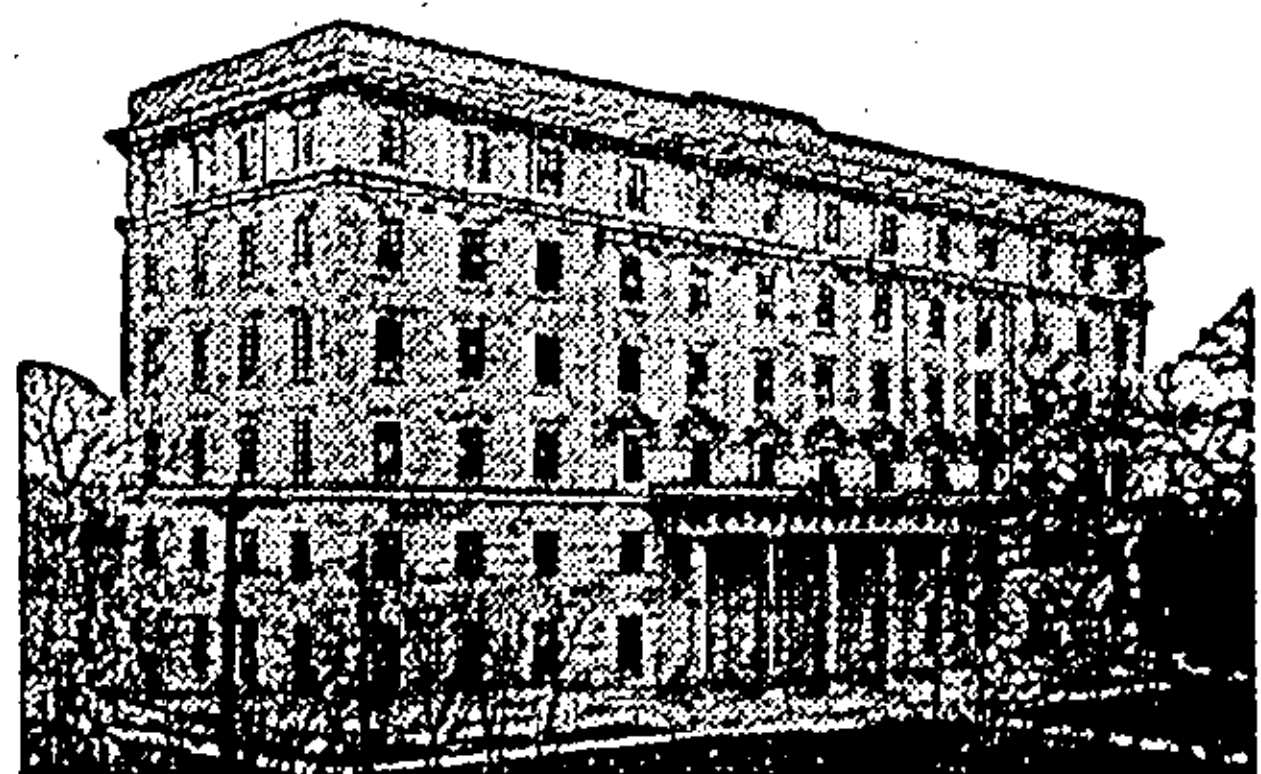
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GREATEST BILLIARDS MATCH.

Without Parallel in the History of the Game.

LINDRUM v. NEWMAN.

The greatest match the game of billiards has ever known—and this is written solemnly and with due regard to the hectic struggles of the past, in which John Roberts, William Cook, and, more recently, Melbourne Inman and Harry Stevenson, were leading figures—has ended, writes the "Sport Life's" billiards expert.

Walter Lindrum, truly described as the Australian wizard of the cue, has beaten Tom Newman by 1,371 points in the final of the Empire tournament, after conceding 7,000 points. It is some slight consolation to a charming personality for the disappointment he experienced in not being able to take back to Australia the championship trophy.

Lindrum has done nothing finer in the whole of his career than this defeat of Newman—and I do not except the many fine struggles he had with Willie Smith.

Few people thought that, with Newman in such brilliant form, the Australian could cede 7,000 points in a fortnight, more particularly because—as has been pointed out before—Newman had had the benefit of a month's play at Thurston's. The table may be changed, and, in that respect, the conditions made as equal as it is possible to make them. Yet too much stress cannot be laid on the point that so sensitive a nature as Lindrum's it requires several days to become attuned to what may be termed the "atmosphere" of a properly-appointed billiards match-saloon, after a month in what were probably improvised billiards rooms.

A Previous Case.
You may remember that the same thing occurred on the previous occasion Lindrum was at Thurston's. McConachy was then his opponent, and, out of luck though he had been, the gallant New Zealander had held his own during the first week.

But it had taken Lindrum practically all that week to adapt himself to the change of scene. Once he had done so, the result was never in doubt, and McConachy never had the ghost of a chance.

History has repeated itself, except that at the end of the first week Newman had little the better of the handicap. Still, with four sessions to go, he was 2,974 points in front, and really had only to make one or two good breaks during those last two days to have made the task too formidable even for a Lindrum.

The Australian's combination of attack and defence then proved that he is something more than a mere "ticker-off" of nursery cannons. Lindrum can close the game up as effectively as Inman used to in that old champion's hey-day.

Amazing Interest.
In these days, when we have been told again and again that this is "killing the professional game," the interest this match has aroused has been simply amazing.

Session after session hundreds of people were turned away—although the prices had been raised. At the last session a great crowd gathered in Leicester Square and cheered Lindrum to the echo when he appeared at the window, holding the gold cup he had won so well.

All this goes to prove that, whatever some folk may say, the public is far from being "fed-up" with seeing nursery cannons made. It suggests that it is the man as much as the play that people go to see. And if any one man has made this revival possible it is Lindrum.

If, as is extremely probable, Walter brings with him his nephew Horace on his next visit, there is no reason why this revival should not continue.

Phenomenal Average.
For the fortnight's play, Lindrum returned the phenomenal average of 248. Without "the book," I should think this is a world's record, although I would not be too dogmatic about it. Newman's average 169 does him infinite credit. It must be remembered, you know, that there was a considerable amount of safety play during the game.

The complete statistics for the fortnight follow:

First Week.			
Agg.	Avg.	Agg.	Avg.
419	105	1,460	467
893	178	936	197
2,017	408	2,777	466
395	122	1,511	756
727	145	1,391	198
646	131	1,422	325
578	144	1,514	235
1,171	195	600	100
789	87	664	74
1,532	768	474	237
1,908	1,908	31	31
1,372	1,372	200	200
Week's Avg. 268	Week's Avg. 268		

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Sport Columns

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Meritorious Win for Queen's Park.

MOTHERWELL IN FORM.

Two matches in the First Division of the Scottish League were played yesterday.

Queen's Park, playing on their own ground at Hampden Park, had Hamilton Academicals as visitors and trounced them to the extent of five goals, making only their tenth win out of 31 matches.

Motherwell visited Leith Athletic and bagged both points by a margin of three goals.

Results as tabulated by Reuter:—
Queen's Park 5 Hamilton 0
Leith A. 2 Motherwell 5

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Motherwell	32	21	6	5	90	38	48
Rangers	31	21	5	5	79	25	47
Celtic	29	19	6	4	80	28	44
Partick	32	20	3	9	66	40	43
Hearts	31	17	4	10	81	53	38
Dundee	30	16	3	11	56	47	35
Hamilton	33	16	4	14	52	49	34
Airdrie	32	15	4	13	51	55	34
Aberdeen	30	13	6	14	64	58	32
Cowdenbeath	30	12	6	12	43	49	33
Clyde	32	14	4	14	55	67	32
St. Mirren	30	11	7	12	47	52	29
Kilmarnock	30	11	4	15	45	62	25
Morton	31	11	5	15	53	67	27
Queen's Park	31	10	6	15	56	60	26
Falkirk	30	11	3	16	62	71	25
Leith	33	7	10	16	46	75	24
Hibernians	33	8	6	19	45	72	22
Ayr	29	3	10	16	35	75	16
East Fife	32	4	4	24	33	105	12
							Possible
Motherwell	18						60
Rangers	47						61
Celtic	44						62
Partick	43						55
Hearts	38						52
Dundee	35						51
Hamilton	34						44
Airdrie	34						46
Aberdeen	32						42
Cowdenbeath	30						45
Clyde	32						46
St. Mirren	29						45
Kilmarnock	26						42
Morton	27						41
Queen's Park	26						40
Falkirk	25						41
Leith	24						34
Hibernians	22						32
Ayr	16						32
East Fife	12						24

HOME RUGBY UNION RESULTS.

Blackheath Defeat A Visiting Fifteen.

STEWARTONIANS WIN.

London, Feb. 28.
The following are the results of the principal matches played under Rugby Union rules to-day:

Blackheath	21	Lyons (France)	0
Bristol	16	Richmond	0
Devonport S.	0	Rosslyn Park	3
Gloucester	5	Guy's Hospital	7
Harlequins	23	U.S. Portsmouth	6
Leicester	10	Northampton	10
London Scottish	13	Cambridge U.	5
Newport	9	Plymouth	13
Old Alleynians	0	Coventry	15
Waterloo	3	Birkenhead Pk.	7
Royal H.S.	23	Hertfordians	8
Stewartonians	9	Edinburgh A.	3

CLUB "A" AGAINST NAVY.

The following have been selected to represent the Club "A" against the Navy at 5.15 p.m. to-day:

R. H. D. Fox; G. P. Ferguson, R. H. D. Wade, J. J. Ferguson, W. D. Johnson; J. S. Lee, A. R. Cox; G. C. Moutrie, J. Mitford, I. D. McLennan, F. M. Hartley, W. F. Kerr, M. M. Cowane, W. R. Andrews and J. H. McElroy.

RADIO SPORTS CLUB AGAINST CLUB "A".

Friday's Hockey Match at U.S.R.C.

The following will represent the Radio Sports Club against the Club "A" eleven on the U.S.R.C. Ground on Friday at 5 p.m. sharp:

R. Khan; Ratan Singh; Atma Singh; Gurb, Gilchrist, Kalwant Singh; Homb, G. Singh, Awtar Singh, Sperry, and Kemp.

Second Week.			
Agg.	Avg.	Agg.	Avg.
1,011	1,011	804	804
1,008	804	615	205
1,070	114	1,207	430
669	134	313	163
590	138	781	120
1,470	245	238	67
258	71	1,015	403
2,110	357	107	17
1,528	191	808	89
1,385	1,385	203	140
631	68	554	01
Avg. for		Avg. for	
fortnight 248	fortnight 169		
Breaks over 500.			
Lindrum (15)	2,835	2,583	1,790
1,484	1,201	1,127	958
558	762	594	532
Newman (14)	1,131	895	821
728	710	648	611
591	581	589	512
311	504		

IRISH SWEEPSTAKE PRIZES.

£950,000 Total Reached at Present.

DISTRIBUTION CHANGES.

London, Yesterday.
The subscription list for the Irish Grand National sweepstake closes to-morrow night. The prize money at present amounts to £950,000. Important changes in the distribution of prizes for the Derby sweep have been approved. If the prize money reaches £1,000,000 there will be 10 first prizes of £30,000, instead of one prize of £300,000; also, there will be 10 second prizes of £15,000, and 10 third prizes of £10,000 each. There will also be 10 prizes for each other horse drawn for which a forfeit is declared on Tuesday week before the race, £2,000 in cash prizes of £100 each and 2,100 other prizes.—Reuter.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.
LAWN TENNIS.—To-day—H.K.C.C. Tournament.
CHESS.—March 27—Entries close for Kowloon Chess Club's Junior Championship.
April 7—Open Chess Championship commences.
FOOTBALL.—To-day—Combined Services v. Chinese, Sookun-poo.
Saturday—Senior Shield—Royal Artillery v. South Wales Borderers; Kowloon F.C. v. South China A.A.; Junior Shield—Navy v. Kowloon F.C.; Club v. Eastern F.C.
April 18—Sunday Herald Charity Cup Final—Scotland v. China.
HOCKEY.—To-day—Hockey Club v. Navy, U.S.R.C. Ground, 4.45 p.m.
Friday—Cair Clark Cup—Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club v. Diocesan Girls' School.
Saturday—Cair Clark Cup—Club de Recreio v. St. Andrew's Club.
LAWN BOWLS.—Friday—Kowloon Bowling Green Club—Annual Meeting, 5.45 p.m.
March 27—Lawn Bowls Association Annual Meeting.
ATHLETICS.—Saturday—Central British School Sports, King's Park, 2 p.m.; St. Stephen's College Sports, Stanley, 2 p.m.
FENCING.—Saturday—Tournament, Yacht Club, 3.30 p.m.
Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.15 p.m.
CRICKET.—Saturday—Division I.—Crailsheimmer C.C. v. Indian R.C. (L.); Civil Service C.C. v. Royal Artillery (L.); Navy v. Hong Kong C.C. (F.); Division II.—Hong Kong C.C. v. R.A.S.C. (L.); Indian R.C. v. Crailsheimmer C.C. (L.); University v. Kowloon C.C. (L.).
BOXING.—Saturday—China Fleet Amateur Championships (Finals), Theatre Royal.
RACING.—Sunday—Fanling Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.
April 4 and 5—Second Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.
April 18—Third Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.
SAILING.—Monday—Entries close for Trevesa Trophy.
Tuesday—Trevesa Trophy, 4 p.m.
RUGBY FOOTBALL.—To-day—Club "A" v. Navy, 5.15 p.m.
March 25—Army v. Navy, Sookun-poo, 5 p.m.
March 28—Club v. Navy, Club Ground, 3 p.m.
April 4—Club v. Army, Sookun-poo, 3 p.m.

ITALIAN TITLE LOST BY CARNERA.

No Longer "Noblest Roman of Them All."

WRATH OF THE PRESS.

Primo Carnera is no longer the "noblest Roman of them all," a title which he came very near to capturing.

Charges that the gigantic heavyweight has failed to pay \$1250 to the Boxing Federation for alleged breach of contract with a Florence promoter have brought on the wrath of a section of the Press in Rome.

Returning to America he signed to fight for the world's heavyweight championship. On board ship Primo engaged in a friendly bout with Maurice Chevalier, the film star, and the Popolo di Roma, regarding this venture, wrote in sight of America shores, Primo Carnera again starts to box his cooked-up matches.—Associated Press.

CAUTIOUS PLAY AT BRIDGE.

New Deal Claimed for Talking.

CONTINENTAL EMANATION

There is a story going round that a very well-known woman, playing Bridge at a West-End Bridge Club, and finding the room hot, asked whether the window could not be opened.

Agreement was given by the other players, but a new deal was called for! Some players are certainly sticklers for the letter of the law, even when out of place, writes "Peterborough" in the Daily Telegraph. It has been explained to me that this excessive caution emanated originally from a notorious Continental case, when a card-sharper had a series of signals like this indicating to his partner the nature of his hand.

NAWAB OF PATAUDIS' THIRD BLUE.

To Represent Oxford at Billiards.

CRICKET AND HOCKEY.

London, Feb. 27.
The Nawab of Pataudi gained a third blue when he was selected to represent Oxford against Cambridge in the annual billiards match at Thurston's on March 2. He has already gained cricket and hockey blues.

INTERNATIONAL GOLF CHANGES.

Thirty-Six Holes for TRIAL MATCHES.

AT HOYLAK.

An important departure from the usual method of playing the international golf matches is announced. Instead of the games being served up as a preliminary to the amateur championship, they will stand by themselves as a separate engagement. The fact that the championship is at Westward Ho! this year might militate against a full representation of Scottish strength. It has been decided, therefore, that England should play Ireland at Hoylake on August 7 and Scotland on the day following.

A feature of the trial matches in April at Earrasie is that the matches will be over 36 holes, so there should be no suggestion of anything fluky in the results. The teams may be 20 a-side, and this should enable the promoters to cast a wide net and bring in all the young golfers of promise.

KAYE DON LEAVES ENGLAND.

Bound for Buenos Aires and World Record.

CAMPBELL'S TELEGRAM.

London, Feb. 21.
With a telegram from Capt. Campbell to wish him good-luck, Mr. Kaye Don left yesterday for Buenos Aires to defend Sir Henry Segrave's world water speed record in Lord Wakefield's boat, Miss England II.

Mr. Kaye Don is a passenger on the Andalusia Star, and his attempt will be made at the regatta to be held during the British Empire Exhibition. The Prince of Wales may be present.

At Windermere last June Miss England II., with her twin Rolls-Royce aero engines, made a speed of 98.7 m.p.h. before the accident which sank her and cost Sir Henry Segrave his life. That record will be attacked by Commodore Gar Wood's Miss America IX. at Miami, Florida, on March 17 and 18. Mr. Kaye Don's opportunity will come about a week later. Those responsible for reconstruction of Miss England II. are confident that she is capable of 110 miles an hour.

Later, in August, the two boats will compete against each other at Detroit in the race for the British International Trophy. It was to recapture that prize, held by America since 1922, that Sir Henry Segrave had Miss England II. built.

CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD.

Good Sabre Play by Light Blues.

ANNUAL FENCING MATCH.

London, Feb. 21.
The inter-University fencing match was fought at the London Fencing Club, 7, Cleveland Row, yesterday afternoon, when Cambridge, who had lost this match for the last three years, gained a narrow victory over Oxford by 6 defeats to 7.

For this they had to thank their sabreurs, for they were out-fenced with the foil, and at the end of that event the Dark Blues were leading by 6 bouts to 3. Had not the Oxford captain, F. J. Walter, been decidedly out of form the margin in Oxford's favour might well have been 7-2, and the match won before the sabre started. As it was Cambridge had to win all their four assaults with the sabre to win the match, and this they did. Not only that, but each assault was won by a good margin, and none went its full length of nine hits.

R.M. TISDALL'S VIEWS ON LIQUOR.

Trenchant Reply to "Lady Astor."

London, March 8.
Described by the newspapers as the "world's best athlete," R. M. Tisdall, the Irishman who is president of the Cambridge University Athletic Union, broke all records by winning four events in the inter-Varsity sports.

In an interview with the Sunday Express, Mr. Tisdall declined to discuss his performance, preferring to talk about the recent assertion by Lady Astor that Australia's success at cricket was due to the players' abstention from alcohol.

Mr. Tisdall declared: "It is about time she learnt to mind her own business. What right has she to tell athletes what they ought or ought not to drink? I gave her a stinger the other day. She asked me what I thought about the drink question. I replied, in the words of the Proverbs, 'As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman without discretion'."

Mrs. Tisdall added that he never drank intoxicants, except at parties. He stated that athletics were not his favourite pastime; he liked Rugby football best of all.

JEAN BOROTRA THE BUSINESS MAN.

Income of £20,000 at Thirty-One.

Jean Borotra, the brilliant French lawn tennis player, has extended his business activities and is now a member of the board of the Lower, Renish Iron Foundries and Machinery Company of Dulken.

Borotra, who is just 31, is an engineer by profession. He is the sole member of a firm which makes certain mechanism for petrol pumps. He has formed subsidiary companies in Britain, Germany, the United States, and Australia and is chairman of them all, writes Stanley N. Doubt in the Daily Mail.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1931.

THE CHINA MAIL.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18.	Sunning
Shanghai and Swatow	Feb. 28)
THURSDAY, MARCH 19.	Eurylochus
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Feb. 28)	
Europe via Negapatnam (Letters only, London, Feb. 19)	Soudan
FRIDAY, MARCH 20.	
Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia (London, Feb. 28)	Suwa Maru
Japan and Shanghai	Shinyo Maru
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 28)	Empress of Japan
SATURDAY, MARCH 21.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Feb. 20)	President Garfield
SUNDAY, MARCH 22.	
Europe via Negapatnam (Papers only, London, Feb. 19)	Talmu
MONDAY, MARCH 23.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Feb. 27)	President Jackson
TUESDAY, MARCH 24.	
London (Parcels only, London, Feb. 12) and Straits	Anchises

OUTWARD MAILS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18.		
Swatow	Yuan Lee	3.30 p.m.
Saigon	Halvard	3.30 p.m.
Straits	Lycemson	3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tsinan	3.30 p.m.
Samshui & Wuchow	Tai Ming	4 p.m.
Shanghai	Tai Yang	4.30 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong	5 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 19		
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Menado Maru	8.30 a.m.
Rabaul	Bremherhaven	1.30 p.m.
Straits	Hamburg Maru	2.30 p.m.
Port Bayard	Wing Lee	2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	3 p.m.
Japan	Soudan	5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Soudan	
	Registration	Mar. 19, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Mar. 19, 6 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tai Ping	(Due Thursday Island, Mar. 30.)
	Parcels	Mar. 19, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Mar. 20, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Mar. 20, 10.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 20.		
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Haining	2 p.m.
Amoy	Tjiondori	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Suwa Maru	(Due Marseilles, Apr. 19.)
	G.P.O.	
Registration	Mar. 21, 8.45 a.m.	
Letters	Mar. 21, 9.30 a.m.	
SATURDAY, MARCH 21.		
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Limchow	8.30 a.m.
Manila	Empress of Japan	3.30 p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 22.		
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Hozan Maru	9 a.m.
Manila	Shinyo Maru	9 a.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 23.		
Straits and Calcutta	Ho Sang	
	Parcels	Mar. 24, Noon
	Letters	Mar. 24, 1 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 27.		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Rawalpindi	(Due Marseilles, Apr. 24.)
	G.P.O.	
Parcels	Mar. 27, 4.30 p.m.	
Registration	Mar. 28, 9 a.m.	
Letters	Mar. 28, 10 a.m.	
Parcels	Mar. 27, 5 p.m.	
Registration	Mar. 28, 9.45 a.m.	
Letters	Mar. 28, 10.30 a.m.	

*Superscribed correspondence only.

CEMENT COMPANY.

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conformity therewith, your Board entered into negotiations for the sale of the works as a going concern, and consequent thereon, it was found necessary to dispose of the buildings and machinery for demolition purposes, with a resultant profit to the Company of \$13,514.94. I regret to have to state that your Board has met with little measure of success in the matter of disposal of the land in this connection. Toward the middle of last year, your Company was approached by the Sports Club, who were desirous to obtain an option to purchase the land and the remaining buildings comprising the houses situated on the hill overlooking the site. Owing to various causes, however, negotiations proved abortive, with the result that such land and buildings are still undisposed of.

Giving a brief resume of the year's working, I would reiterate that the result may be regarded as satisfactory, bearing in mind the vicissitudes whereof your Company has been faced owing to the transitory stage through which it is passing, coupled with the high cost of production and the intensive competition it is experiencing in all markets; nevertheless, it is satisfactory to record that, due to the high standard maintained in your Company's product, we have not only held our markets, but have opened up new avenues likely to rebound to our benefit on completion of the New Plant. In this relation, I may add that the demand for your Company's cement is an increasing one, as is evidenced by the fact that our agents in several markets are constantly making enquiries as to when we shall be in the position to fulfil larger contracts than is possible with the existing works.

Rapid-Hardening Cement.

Whilst on this subject, I may also state that it is our intention to manufacture a rapid hardening cement under the name of "Emeralcrete," as, for that class of cement, there is undoubtedly a good demand, notwithstanding the materially higher price at which this class of product has to be marketed.

Admirable progress, I am pleased to say, has been made with the erection of the new plant, but in an undertaking of such magnitude, it is impossible for me to state definitely when the plant will be actually manufacturing cement. It is confidently anticipated, however, that it will be brought into operation during the second half of the current financial year.

Bonus for Mr. Arnott.

In conclusion, I would inform you that your former Works Manager, Mr. Arnott, who had served the Company for nearly 30 years, retired last June, and your Board, anticipating your approval, granted him a retiring bonus of \$1,000, the equivalent of which, namely \$14,829.25, is shown in the Profit and Loss Account.

There being no further matters to which I need refer, I now formally propose that the report of the Directors and the accounts for the year ended December 31, 1930, as presented, be adopted and that the appropriations recommended by your Directors, namely:—

To pay a dividend of 30 cents per share on the old shares	\$120,000.00
To pay a dividend of 4 cents per share on the new shares	16,000.00
To write off obsolete Machinery Stores	20,000.00
To place to General Reserve	100,000.00
To carry forward to New Account	88,421.76
	\$344,421.76

be carried into effect, and I shall be much obliged if some shareholder will kindly second such proposal, after which, questions in connection with the report and accounts may be raised.

No questions being raised, the motion was seconded by Mr. A. H. Carroll and carried unanimously.

It was unanimously decided that the auditors, Messrs. Linstead and Davis, should receive an increase in their remuneration to \$1,250.

The Directors were re-elected en bloc.

DAIRY FARM'S ACTIVITIES.

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have increased to an alarming extent, and it was, therefore, found necessary to raise our milk prices in order to cover the additional expenditure. I may say that the increase made does not now cover the additional costs in production and we may find it necessary to consider a further increase unless there is an early improvement in exchange.

Cattle.

I have much pleasure in again being able to report that the herd is in very fine condition and that no outbreaks of contagious disease occurred during the year. 160 head of young animals were immunised successfully against rinderpest with only one death, for which result our Veterinary Surgeon, Mr. Watson, is to be commended. To cope with the extraordinary milk demand during the Summer months we placed an order in British Columbia for 100 dairy cows to land here at the beginning of this year. Eighty of these have already arrived safely and have fully met our specifications and the balance is due on or about 20th inst. The wastage of our herd for 1930, due to sales and deaths was 17.33 per cent, which compares favourably with the Home figure, as per latest statistics to hand, of 25 per cent. under normal conditions. Total herd on December 31 numbered 825 head.

Pigs.

This herd now numbers 1748 head and the usual good results are being obtained, over 100 breeding sows producing and rearing an average of 16 pigs per sow per year. The most serious disease to be contended with here is swine-fever, of which we have had some experience, and this is likely to recur since we are adjacent to uncontrolled surroundings. Fifteen head of pedigree pigs, representing three different breeds, are now en route from Britain, a change of strain being necessary. The new system of breeding pens, as reported in my speech of last year, has proved all and more than was expected of it, consequently future extensions will be made on similar lines.

Poultry.

Our egg producing flock has proved a very disappointing venture since disease has taken its toll. It appears that surrounding districts have been infected with different poultry diseases and serious loss is reported. We have not given up hope, however, and a number of birds have just been imported from Canada.

Vegetable Garden.

We have found that there is an undoubted demand for good fresh vegetables grown under hygienic and up-to-date methods, particularly vegetables suitable for salads, and a considerable extension has just been made to our garden area. With the experience obtained we hope to have much improved results in the future.

Ice.

This commodity has been in good demand throughout the year.

Buildings.

At our East Point Ice Works, an extension of two cold store rooms was completed during the year and these have been fully occupied. Over these two rooms Chinese staff quarters were erected and are filling a much felt want.

Part of our town depot buildings, in which we are now situated, has been under reconstruction and should be completed in another month. The result of this will be much needed and improved accommodation both for the office and butchery.

Our farm buildings are in excellent condition. A depot was opened at Kowloon Tong last Spring and has proved a boon to residents there.

In conclusion, I would again extend to our shareholders and customers an invitation to visit the farm in order to see our live stock. That it can, and will, knock out his rival—Bombardier Billy Wells.

I now propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/-
Bank, on demand	1/-
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/- 1/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/- 11/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/- 13/16
(On Paris)	
On demand	617 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	657 1/2
On New York—	
On demand	24 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	25 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	67 1/2
On demand	67 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Wire	67 1/2
On demand	67 1/2
On Singapore—	
On demand	43 1/4
On Manila—	
On demand	48 1/4
On Shanghai—	
On demand	Tls. 76 1/4
Dollar	4% dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	49 1/4
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/- 1/4
Silver (per oz.)	14 1/4
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Nominal
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3 1/2% p.m.
Chinese Sub. Coin	22 1/2% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	1/4% dis.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.13 1/2
New York	4.85 27/32
Brussels	34.86 1/2
Geneva	25.24 1/2
Amsterdam	12.12 1/2
Milan	92.73 1/2
Berlin	20.40
Stockholm	18.14 1/2
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2
Oslo	18.16
Vienna	34.56 1/2
Prague	164
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	45.95
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	817
Rio	39 1/2
Buenos Aires	39 1/2
Montevideo	37 1/2
Bombay	1/5 13/16
Shanghai	1/4
Hong Kong	1/- 1/4
Yokohama	2/- 13/32
Silver Spot	14 1/4
Silver Forward	14 3/16
—British Wireless Service	

question shareholders may wish to ask.

The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. T. E. Pearce were unanimously re-elected Directors for the ensuing year, whilst Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-appointed auditors at the remuneration of \$2,000.

JAPAN'S POLITICS.

REMARKABLE DEMONSTRATION IN TOKYO.

Tokyo, Yesterday. A remarkable demonstration occurred at the residence of the Prime Minister last evening when three hundred and fifty members of the Right Wing of the Japanese Labour Party, in spite of police efforts to prevent them, forced their way into the presence of Mr. Hamaguchi.

The leaders handed Mr. Hamaguchi a resolution demanding the dissolution of this "Bourgeois Diet" and then left quietly.—Reuter.

Reggie Meen's powerful left hook should be capable of stopping any big man in the country, but he must use his punch with the conviction that it can, and will, knock out his rival.—Bombardier Billy Wells.

Willie Smith is the Bernard Shaw of billiards—the fact-facer and the fact-stater.—Burwat Billiards Review.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 18th March, 1931.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Num.	in year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	1025	...	1080	...	Dec.	Final 25 bonus 21/100 ex 1/10/30 making 2/3 for 1930
Chartered Bank	...	...	...	161	Dec.	Final 75 bonus 2/100 ex 1/10/30 making 2/3 for 1930
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	...	...	...	24	Dec.	Final 25 bonus 2/100 ex 1/10/30 making 2/3 for 1930
Bank of Asia	1161	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 25 bonus 2/100 ex 1/10/30 making 2/3 for 1930
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1350	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 27 for 1928 - 2/100 ex 1/10/30 making 2/3 for 1930
Union Ins.	580	605	620	...	Dec.	Final 27 for 1928 - 2/100 ex 1/10/30 making 2/3 for 1930
China Underwriters	3.00	...	...	...	Dec.	None
China Fire Ins.	535	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 25 bonus 2/100 ex 1/10/30 making 2/3 for 1930
H. K. Fire Ins.	1395	1950	...	...	Dec.	Final 25 bonus 2/100 ex 1/10/30 making 2/3 for 1930
Shipping.						
Douglases	...	25	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
H. K. Steamboats	20	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929 - 2/100 ex 1/10/30 making 2/3 for 1930
Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	...	40	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929 - 2/100 ex 1/10/30 making 2/3 for 1930
Shell Transports	...	...	...	30	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929 - 2/100 ex 1/10/30 making 2/3 for 1930
Union Waterboats	...	...	37	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Mining.						
Benguet	10	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929 - 2/100 ex 1/10/30 making 2/3 for 1930
Kailan Mining Ad.	...	...	35	...	June	Final 25 for 1929 - 2/100 ex 1/10/30 making 2/3 for 1930
Langkat	...	...	...	81	Oct.	Final 25 for 1929 - 2/100 ex 1/10/30 making 2/3 for 1930
S'hai Exploration	2.10	...	...	...	Dec.	None
Loans	...	...	...	51	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929 - 2/100 ex 1/10/30 making 2/3 for 1930
Rauha	...	38	...	...	Mar.	Final 25 for 1929 - 2/100 ex 1/10/30 making 2/3 for 1930
Venezuela Gold Fields	3.60	...	...	...	...	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & K. Wharves	...	172	170	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
H. K. & W. Docks	...	...	30	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
South Ch. Motors	...	...	...	10	...	...
China Providents (old)	...	5.20	...	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Hongkew	...	...	...	2.40	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
N. Engineering	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	...	Apr.	Final 25 for 1929
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. K. & S. Hotels	...	...	12.00	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
H. K. Lands	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	412	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Humphreys (Cum Ru.)	...	...	10.80	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
H. K. Realities	...	...	2.80	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Chinese Estates	...	...	...	87	Feb.	Final 25 for 1929
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cotton	...	...	141	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Shanghai Cotton	...	...	...	...	Apr.	Final 25 for 1929
Zoong Sings	...	...	...	121	June	Final 25 for 1929
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	...	...	17.70	17.60	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Peak Tram (old)	...	...	...	141	Apr.	Final 25 for 1929
Star Ferry	...	...	...	61	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
China Light	...	...	241	241	Sept.	Final 25 for 1929
H. K. Electric	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Macao	...	...	...	33	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	12	June	None
H. K. Tels. fully paid	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
China Burs	...	...	...	19	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
S'pore Traction (Ord.)	...	...	...	6/6	Sept.	Final 25 for 1929
Industrial.	...	...	...	19	Sept.	Final 25 for 1929
China Sugars	...	...	...	80	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Malayan Sugars	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Cold. Mfg. Ord.	...	...	...	114	July	Final 25 for 1929
Canton Ice	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Cement (old)	...	...	...	10.60	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Cement (new)	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
H. K. Ropes	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farm (old)	...	...	...	201	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Dairy Farm (new)	...	...	...	241	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Watsons	...	...	...	12.60	Oct.	Final 25 for 1929
Der A Wings	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Lanc. Crawfords	...	...	...	4.10	Feb.	Final 25 for 1929
Mackintosh	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
Sincere	...	...	...	181	Feb.	Final 25 for 1929
Wm. Powells	...	...	...	2.85	Feb.	Final 25 for 1929
Miscellaneous.						
H. K. Amusement (old)	...	...	...	21	Mar.	Final 25 for 1929
H. K. Amusement (new)	...	...	...	181	Mar.	Final 25 for 1929
Ch. Entertainment	...	...	...	10	...	...
H. K. Constructions	...	...	...	5.40	Dec.	Final 25 for 1929
H. K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...	...	...	...

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will
be broadcast to-day from the
Hong Kong Broadcasting Station
Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355
metres:—

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's
Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme
of Victor Records.

7-7.40 p.m.—Operatic.

Band—
Rigoletto—Quartet (Verdi),
Introduction & Minuet (Verdi),
Crestore & His Band (35882).
Song—
Brunhilde's Bitte (Wagner),
Ho-Yo-To-Lo (Wagner),
Maria Jeritza, Soprano
(7238).

Violin Solo—
The Bohemian Girl—
Then You'll Remember Me,
Max Dolin, Tenor (26048).

Song—
I Puritani—Ato, O Cara Amor
Talora (Bellini),
Giacomo Lauri—Volpi (7226).
Organ Solo—
Thais—Meditation (Massenet),
Charles R. Cronham (35858).

Chorus—
Gems from Pagliacci (Leoncavallo),
Gems from Cavalleria Rusticana
(Mascagni),
Victor Opera Co. (35932).

7.40-8.10 p.m.—Orchestral.

Salome's Dance (Strauss),
Leonold Stokowski and the
Philadelphia Orchestra
(7259-60).

Japanese Nocturne (Eichheim),
Leonold Stokowski and the
Philadelphia Orchestra
(7259).

Wedding of the Winds
(Hall arr. Cibelli),
La Vittoria Orchestra (35911).
Ballet Egyptian Suite (Ludgini),
Concert Orchestra (35901-2).

8.10-9 p.m.—Instrumental.

Pianoforte Solo—
Die Fledermaus—Paraphrase (The
Bat) (Strauss-Godowsky),
Benno Moisevitich (7257).

Violin Solo—
Slavonic Dance No. 3 in G Major
(Dvorak-Kreisler),
Fritz Kreisler (7255).

Quartet in B Flat Major (Brahms),
Flonzaley Quartet (7255).

Pianoforte Solo—
Narcissus (Nevin),
Rustle of Spring (Sinding),
Hans Barth (20121).

Cello Solo—
Simple Aveu (Thome),
Serenade (Pierne),
Alfred Wallenstein (20104).

Pianoforte Solo—
Caprice Espagnole (Moskowsky),
Bohemian Dance (Smetana),
Wilhelm Bachaus (7121).

Violin Solo—
Thanksgiving (O'Neill),
Selena O'Neill (21601).

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local
Time, etc.
9.05-11 p.m.—Dance Programme.

Fox Trot—
I'll be Reminded of You,
A Little Kiss Each Morning,
(22193).

Georgia Pines,
Turn on the Heat (22195).
Hullabaloo,
Baby Won't You Please Come
Home (22511).

Believe it or Not,
Waltz—
I Love the Moon (22190).
Fox Trot—

You Can't Believe My Eyes,
If I Can't Have You (22190).
I'm in Love With You,
The Web of Love (22141).
Why Have You Forgotten Walkiki,
How are You To-night in Hawaii,
(22519).

Waltz—
I'll Close my Eyes to the Rest
of the World,
Fox Trot—

Deep in the Arms of Love (22197).
African Serenade,
I'll be Blue Just Thinking
of You (22520).

March Fox Trot—
Goodnight Poor Havard,
The Triple Cheer (22545).

Waltz—
Tears,
Don't Forget me in Your Dreams,
(22585).

Fox Trot—
Crying Myself to Sleep,
Slow Fox Trot—

You're the One I Care for (22583).
March Fox Trot—
Washington & Lee Swing,
Fox Trot—

She Loves me Just the Same,
(22574).

My Temptation,
Waltz—
When Your Hair has Turned to
Silver (22595).

Fox Trot—
When a Black Man's Blue,
Good Indigo (22597).

Yours & Mine,
On a Little Balcony in Spain,
(22592).

Waltz—
Rock me to Sleep in Your Arms,
Mistakes (22142).
God Save The King.
11 p.m.—Close Down.

MOSCOW ELECTIONS.
5 PER CENT. OF ELECTORATE
DID NOT VOTE.

Moscow, Feb. 9.
The result of the Soviet elec-
tions in Moscow, now published,
show that the percentage of the
poll has increased this time from
70 to 95 per cent. There were
elected over 2,500 delegates,
of whom roughly two-thirds are Com-
munist. Twenty-five per cent. of
the elected are women. During
the election period it is intimated
that 34,000 workers joined the
Communist Party.

THE GIFT COUPON
SCHEME.Growing Volume of
Opposition.

"LOW VALUE" CURRENCY.

The feeling against gift coupon
schemes in Britain is growing.

The gift coupon has for long
played an important part in trading
conditions in the United
States of America, but it has come
into prominence in Great Britain
only during the past two years.

Opinion among manufacturing
firms seems to be divided. About
seventy such firms are still distrib-
uting gift goods, whereas eighty
have refused any longer to supply
goods for this purpose.

The advocates of the gift
coupon range their arguments
under some six different head-
ings. It encourages trade in other
commodities, they argue, and,
where gifts would not ordinarily
be bought, opens up an undis-
covered market; it increases
sales by encouraging the public
to buy for the sake of gifts; it
leads to more employment in the
making and packing of coupons,
as well as in the manufacture of
the gifts themselves; the increase
of business leads to an increase
in public revenue; money is circu-
lated; and finally the coupon sys-
tem, by giving the customer some-
thing for nothing, is the equivalent
of a reduction in prices.

It is now being realised, how-
ever, that there is a strong econ-
omic case against gift schemes.
The principal objections are that
these schemes interfere with the
real function of retail distribu-
tion, and constitute a threat not
only to goodwill and the orderly
development of marketing but
also to the principles of sound
salesmanship.

Parasite Concerns.
The increased popularity of gift
schemes has also resulted in a
parasite growth of coupon con-
cerns, which appear to be able to
make a profit at the expense of
manufacturer and consumer alike.

Clearing houses for coupons
exist in various parts of London
and provincial cities, where it is
possible to obtain them by tons
of thousands. As a result, the
coupon has become a kind of low-
value currency, and it is also
stated that large numbers of forged
coupons have been put into
circulation.

As these various disadvantages
have become apparent, more and
more manufacturers of well-
known articles have dissociated
themselves from gift coupon
schemes; and upwards of 150 re-
solutions of disapproval have
already been passed by national
and local trade associations.

This movement on the part of

British manufacturers, which is
gaining fresh adherents every
week, has, however, led the or-
ganisers of many gift schemes to
obtain their goods from abroad;
and it is understood that a whole-
sale dumping of such goods is
now taking place.

An interesting example of the
use of foreign goods for this pur-
pose is provided by Arcos, Ltd.,
the Russian trading organisation,
which sells Criterion safety
matches. Seventy-five labels from
packets of the matches entitle
one to a Siberian birch cigarette
case, and 200 to a peasant em-
broided dress. For 250 labels,
71 lb. of chocolate bon-bons or five
Russian gramophone records are
obtainable; while for the most
ambitious collector of coupons,
such prizes as tennis racquets,
Russian balalaikas, Turkestan
rugs, lengths of Russian leather,
and astrakhan furs are offered.

"Abandon This System."

The practice of giving coupons
with commodities was commented
on by the Recorder (Mr. E. A.
Mitchell-Innes, K.C.) in a case
heard at Leeds Quarter Sessions.
The case was one in which James
Fennyhough, aged 38, a store-
keeper, and William Potter, aged
35, a grocer, pleaded guilty, re-
spectively, to stealing and receiv-
ing 9,595 coupons, belonging to
Joseph Watson and Sons (Ltd.),
soap manufacturers, of Leeds.

Ordering the men to be bound
over for twelve months, the Re-
corder said that he thought that
the firm would be well advised if
they abandoned the system. A
thing run on such a scale was in
a nature of a temptation, and the
traffic in coupons and vouchers
tended to bring temptation to
numbers of people who thought
they could win prizes if they
could get hold of coupons, licitly
or illicitly.

WITH POKER AND TONGS.

Cripple's Fierce Struggle With
A Burglar.

A cripple told a story of his
fierce struggle with an intruder,
at Leeds, when Frederick Daniels,
alias John Ray (72) was commit-
ted for trial charged with bur-
glary.

John Francis Burke, the crip-
ple, said that hearing a noise he
went downstairs armed with a
fire shovel, when Daniels hid
behind a curtain.

"I thrust the shovel forward
like a bayonet, prodded him
twice and then hit him on the
head," continued Burke.

"After he had tried to wrap me
up in a curtain I struck him
with a poker."

Burke added that Daniels fell
unconscious, and he tied him up
with a scarf and some string.

WATER RETURN.

The level and storage of water in
our reservoirs on March 1, 1931, is
as under:—

City and Hill District.

1930 1931

Tytam 13' 7" B 24' 11" B

Tytam Byewash ... 24' 1" B 28' 2" B

Tytam Intermediate 34' 10" B 36' 3" B

Tytam Tuk 44' 9" B 32' 1" B

Wong Nei Chung . 24' 11" B 24' 6" B

Pokfulum 18' 6" B 21' 0" B

[Note: B. denotes "Below Over-
flow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow";
L. denotes "Level with Overflow."]

Storage in millions and decimals
of gallons.

1930 1931

Tytam 270.30 205.31

Tytam Byewash ... 1.03

Tytam Intermediate 53.14 49.47

Tytam Tuk 553.75 754.58

Wong Nei Chung . 6.69 6.93

Pokfulum 27.24 22.50

Total 921.15 1,038.79

Consumption of water in the City
and Hill District in millions and de-
cimals of gallons during the month
of February.

1930 1931

Consumption 184.19 201.34

Estimated population 440,300 450,620

Consumption per
head per day ... 14.9 15.9

February, 1931.—From February 1
to 28, a 12 hours supply (6 a.m.—
6 p.m.) was given to all Rider Main
Districts (Principal Mains closed
6 p.m.—6 a.m.).

February, 1931.—From February 1
to 28 a constant street fountain supply
was operated in all Rider Main Dis-
tricts excepting 3 days (15—18th in-
clusive) when a Full Supply was
given on account of Chinese New
Year.

Kowloon.

1930 1931

Kowloon Reservoir . 6' 4" B 14' 0" B

Shek Lai Pui
Reservoir 10' 1" B 5' 7" B

Reception Reservoir 2' 7" B 11' 8" B

Storage in millions and decimals
of gallons.

1930 1931

Kowloon Reservoir . 289.78 232.00

Shek Lai Pui
Reservoir 78.72 94.50

Reception Reservoir 20.40 6.22

Total 349.00 332.72

Consumption of water in Kowloon
in millions and decimals of gallons
during the month of February.

1930 1931

Consumption 100.26 117.54

Estimated population 174,100 170,140

Consumption per
head per day ... 20.6 23.4

Constant supply in all districts dur-
ing February, 1930 and 1931.

The Government Analyst's reports
show that the quality of the water
is satisfactory.

Total rainfall: February 28, 1930,
3.66; February 28, 1931, .87.

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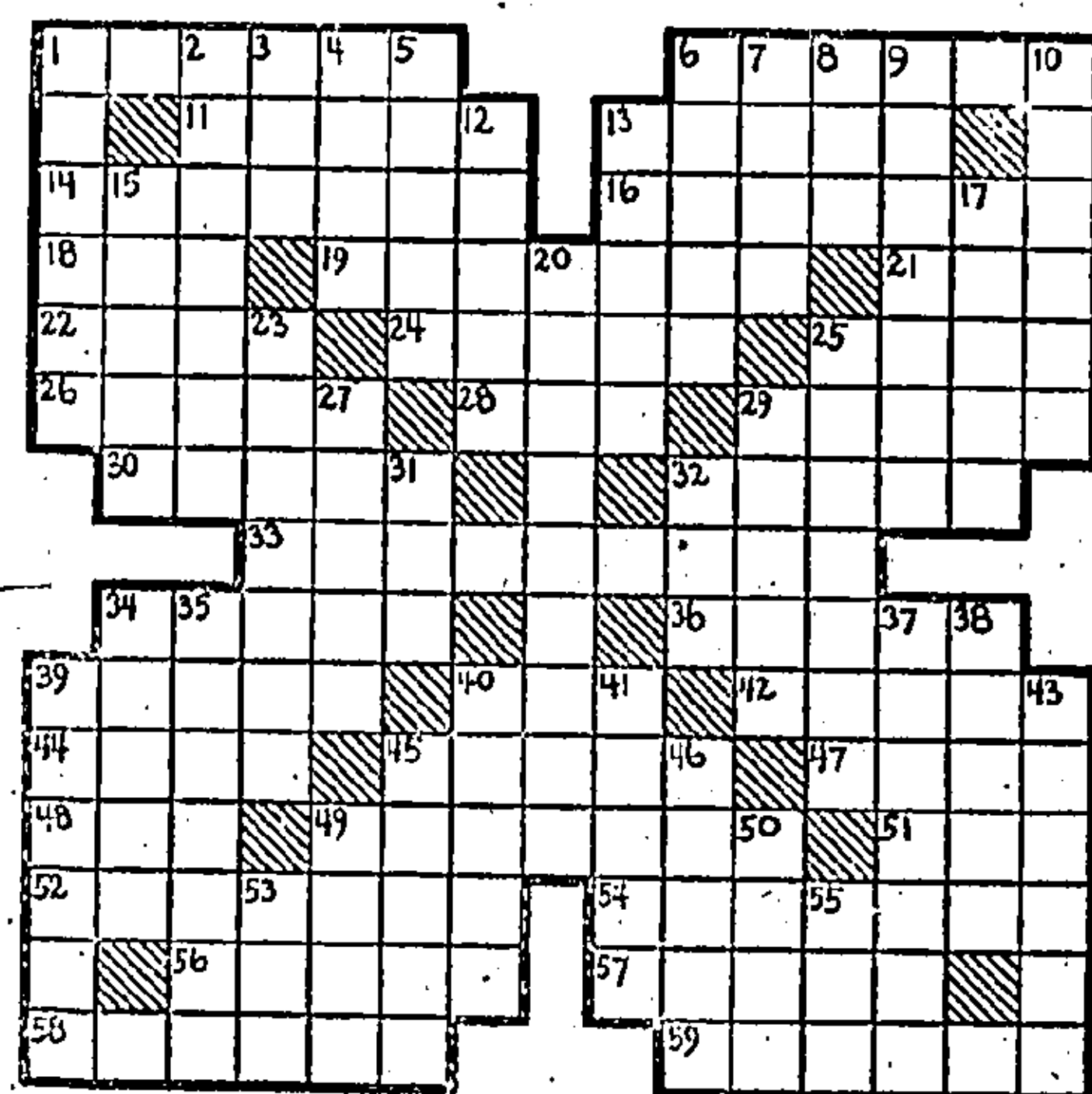
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- HORIZONTAL**
1-Offensive odor
6-After part of a vessel (pl.)
11-Sunk in the mud
12-Whither
14-Theft
15-Rougher and harsher in sound
18-Fatty liquid
19-Marvels
21-Greek letter
22-Mexican rubber tree (pl.)
24-Appointed
25-Gave a salutation with the lips
26-Healtie
28-Mouthful
29-Donates
30-Glens
32-Strategems
33-Door openers
34-Scold
35-Years of youth
38-Prandials
40-Wager
42-Falls in drops
44-River highland (S. Africa)
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
45-Preserves by salting
47-Begone
48-Conjunction
49-Tight-fitting bodices
51-Old's name
52-Changing direction
54-Race horse
55-Degrees
57-Nymph of Moham-mad
58-Rushes
59-Imprudence
60-Imprudence
- VERTICAL**
1-Concept
2-A morsel
3-Pan point
4-Ship's working force
5-Cruel Biblical king
6-Griff
7-Afternoon social events
8-Wander
9-Uneasy
10-Waltz with affected dignity
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
12-Unit of force (pl.)
13-Cub
15-Lubricated
17-Gives relief
20-Female descendants
23-Tarnished
25-Those who kiss
27-Peruses
29-Ridiculed
31-Female saint (abbr.)
32-Sketch as flax
34-Machine for raising heavy weights
35-Obstructs
37-Poison extracted from tobacco
38-Thin
39-Longed for eagerly
40-Boroughs
41-Inclined
43-Looks intently
45-Fruit of the pine (pl.)
46-Razor sharpener
49-Quote
50-Tart
53-Part of a college yell
55-Pray three

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross word puzzle.)

MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

CHINESE MUSIC AND ROUND THE CINEMAS

'9 CATS IN A BAG.'

Beauties of the Songs of Cathay.

ROTARY LECTURE.

A most unusual, but at the same time very interesting, address was given at the Singapore Rotary Club by Dr. T. Z. Koo, of Shanghai, whose subject was "Chinese Music." The president (Mr. Roland Brad-dell) at the outset remarked that Dr. Koo was the most remarkable speaker they had had, because he offered them the choice of two addresses, either Chinese Problems of Today or Chinese Music. A show of hands was taken to decide on what subject Dr. Koo should address the gathering, and "Chinese Music" won easily.

In his introductory remarks Dr. Koo referred to a meeting with a man on a boat some two years ago. He (the speaker) asked the other what his impression was of Chinese music, and the reply was: "If you put nine cats in a bag and sit on them very hard you get Chinese music." Dr. Koo went on to say that he first intended to explain the folk music of China. He thought that the music most revealing the heart and emotion of the people of any country was their folk-music and folk-lore. Chinese folk-songs were not written, but were carried by ear from person to person. He had spent some time in gathering from the various provinces the folk-songs current throughout China, and had collected them in a volume called Songs of Cathay. He intended to give selections of these songs on a Chinese flute. This consisted of a perfectly straight tube of bamboo which could be purchased for 15 cents in Shanghai.

Difference in Temperament.
There was a great difference in the temperament of the people of the North and the South of China, and this difference could be found in their folk-songs. The folk-songs from the South of China were light and sprightly, the people being light of build and quick of movement, while the people from the North were more heavily built, and consequently their folk-songs were more heavy and staid. He then went on to play selections from his book which proved his statement. The first selection was called Narcissus Flower, a very light air, while the second selection was more dull and heavy.

Love, he went on to say, figured as theme in music in almost every country, but in studying the love songs of China two characteristics were noticed which made them different to the love songs of the West. Love songs in the West were generally of love before marriage, but in China they were mostly about love after marriage, a very great difference. Of course, the social conditions of the East and West made it, perhaps inevitable that it should be so. The other characteristic was that the love songs of China were of more earthly thoughts.

For example, he quoted a song called Thoughts of Love, the words of which were about a wife thinking of her husband in Winter when he was far away from her. The two lines in the song which he drew attention to were "In fact, are you cold" and "At night who spreads your mat and folds your quilt." In China love songs expressed more homely thoughts, such as a woman's solicitude when her man was travelling afar. He then played a Chinese love song entitled Seaside Longing for the Beautiful One, which, he said, was written by a very famous poet some 800, or 900 years ago.

Unexpected Endings.
Another peculiar characteristic about Chinese music was the fact that it ended unexpectedly, leaving one suspended, and finished practically always on a high note. Another kind were the songs which were frequently recurrent in central east China, which had a very sad story for their motive, and were mostly about domestic slaves or women who had been sold. One was called Ten Cups of Wine, in which the woman, at the end of each cup of wine, gave her thoughts about

CHARACTER ACTORS KNOWN TO FAME.

'HIGH SOCIETY BLUES.'

Character actors and actresses play a prominent part in the cast of "High Society Blues," Fox Movietone musical romance starring Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell.

William Collier, sen., Hedda Hopper, Louise Fazenda, and Lucien Littlefield have prominent roles in this production which is to be seen and heard in the Queen's Theatre.

Collier, probably the most famous light comedian the American stage ever produced, has been identified with theatricals for nearly half a century as an actor, director, and writer.

Miss Hopper, who comes from a socially prominent family, left finishing school for the New York stage, scoring her greatest success in "Six Cylinder Love." She has been in pictures for seven years and has been featured in many prominent productions.

Miss Fazenda, starting her career with Mack Sennett, has become one of the most popular character actresses on the screen. Littlefield, also a former stage actor, has been in Hollywood ten years. Among his prominent pictures have been "Bachelor Brides," "The Torrent," "Take It From Me," "Twinkle Toes," "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Cheating Chenters," "Seven Keys to Baldpate," and "My Best Girl."

David Butler directed "High Society Blues" and Joseph McCarthy and James F. Hanley provided the song numbers.

'FASHIONS IN LOVE.'

Victor Schertzinger acted as technical expert as well as director for Adolphe Menjou's first all-talking picture, "Fashions in Love," which will show in the Central Theatre, for four days run, starting to-day. Menjou, the star, is presented as a world-famous pianist. Although Menjou can play the piano, he has never played on the concert stage and in this role, Schertzinger brought his unique experience to the actor's aid.

During several years, Schertzinger was concert soloist with Sousa's band on European tours. His interest in the theatre, always acute, led him to accept the directorship of the orchestra for the Broadway stage offering, "The Wizard of Oz." Following the New York run of the show, he went on tour with it, arrived in Los Angeles and finally induced Thomas H. Ince to experiment with specially arranged musical scores for motion pictures. He was successful in this undertaking and was soon directing pictures.

Scherzinger has both song and picture hits to his credit. Among the former is the famous love song, "Marcheta," and the latter includes "Redskin," "The Wheel of Life," "Forgotten Faces" and others. For "Fashions in Love," his third all-talking picture, he wrote two song hits, "Delphine," which Thomas H. Ince then went on to sing, and "I Still Believe in You," sung by Miss Fay Compton, the well-known British actress.

'LOVE IN THE ROUGH.'

Now the golf robot! The mechanical golfer made its debut at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio when Charles F. (Chuck) Reisner was teaching his "Love in the Rough" cast how to

the experiences she had had, and another song was called Ten Sighs, in which, at the end of each sigh, the reason for it was given.

Dr. Koo explained about a song called the Poppy Girl in which a girl, in an opium den thought of her childhood days and then played a verse of Ten Cups of Wine. Those songs, he explained, were what were known as "laments" in the West. He then went on to sing, in Chinese, one of the funny songs which, he said, were usually sung in the streets of China by a boy and girl, the former deriding the other for being a poor wife, and she returning the compliment by calling him a poor husband.

A Lullaby.
In conclusion he played a Chinese lullaby, and was greeted at the end by loud applause. The illustrations of the various songs and melodies were remarkably interesting.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the speaker, and Mr. Bradell commented that Chinese music appeared to be as impressive as in any other part of the world.

swing long drives and sink putts for the golf season.

Invented by a Los Angeles man, the golf robot consists of a series of levers, gears, motors and "arms" which clutch regulation golf sticks and swings them in perfect form for any kind of golf shot. All you have to do is to adjust the action to "slow" for an educational demonstration in duplicating perfect strokes.

Robert Montgomery is featured in the leading role of the new musical comedy romance, which will open on Thursday in the Queen's Theatre, a picturisation of the stage success, "Spring Fever."

Included in the cast are Dorothy Jordan, Benny Rubin, Dorothy McNulty, J. C. Nugent, Tyrrell Davis, Catherine Moylan, Allan Lane, Edwards Davis, and Roscoe Ates.

'MADAM SATAN.'

The largest single order of parachutes ever placed in the world was given to the Irving Air Chute Company, prior to the start of Cecil B. De Mille's comedy with

music, "Madam Satan," which Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer will open in the Queen's Theatre on an extended run on Sunday.

It is interesting to note that a motion picture studio should have been the one to break the world's chute-buying record, rather than some aviation company.

The chutes were purchased by De Mille to provide the biggest thrill of his new picture. Five hundred passengers escape from a mid-air wreck of a Zeppelin.

Although it has been declared impossible to release a large number of passengers from an imperilled airship. Cecil B. De Mille, airplane pilot, shows the way in this production. Among the well-known players who took the leap were Kay Johnson, Reginald Denny, Lillian Roth, Edwards Davis, Tyler Brooke, Wallace Macdonald, Mary McAllister Katherine De Mille, Vera Marsh, Marie Valli, Henry Stockbridge, Julianne Johnston, Roland Young, and Albert Conti.

The big order of chutes was not made in traditional "airplane pack" form. Instead they were hung in cylindrical tubes, extending along an exterior deck of the Zep. The passengers put on a harness, which in turn was attached to the chute rings. When the passengers jumped, the chute came

streaming out of the specially designed holder.

"Madam Satan" is a melange of dramatic story, a masked ball on a Zeppelin, eight charming song numbers, and three ballets, directed by Leroy Prinz of the Earl Carroll "Vanities." It is De Mille's first venture into musical pictures.

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HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

		Mar. 10, June, June,				
		1931.	1918.	1914.		
Butcher Meat.		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.		
Beef	Sirloin	牛 尾 肥	lb.	80	24	12
"	Prime Cut		"	30	23	11
"	Corned	咸 牛 肉	"	—	23	12
"	Roast	燒 牛 肉	"	80	24	22
"	Breast	牛 腩	"	23	20	18
"	Soup	湯	"	25	20	18
"	Steak	牛 排	"	30	24	22
"	Steak Sirloin	牛 腩	"	44	30	35
"	Sausages	牛 腸	"	88	26	20
Bullock's	Brains	牛 腦	per set	15	10	12
"	Tongue, fresh	牛 舌	each	65	60	60
"	Tongue, corned	咸 牛 舌	"	—	60	—
"	Head	牛 頭	"	\$1.00	—	\$1.20
"	Heart	牛 心	lb.	24	18	14
"	Hump, Salt	牛 肩	"	—	20	18
"	Feet	牛 腳	each	10	10	12
"	Kidneys	牛 腰	"	15	10	12
"	Tail	牛 尾	"	25	20	22
"	Liver	牛 肝	lb.	24	18	14
"	Tripe	牛 肚	"	10	6	6
Calves'	Head & Feet	牛 仔 頭 腳	set	\$1.20	\$1.00	\$1.00
Mutton	Chop	羊 排	lb.	38	26	—
"	Leg	羊 腿	"	38	26	—
"	Shoulder	羊 肩	"	34	24	—
"	Saddle	羊 鞍	"	38	—	—
Pig's	Chittlings	豬 蹄	"	30	27	—
"	Brains	豬 腦	Per set	3	—	—
"	Feet	豬 腳	lb.	16	15	—
"	Fry	豬 什	"	28	15	18
"	Head	豬 頭	"	18	20	—
"	Heart	豬 心	each	15	10	10
"	Kidneys	豬 腰	"	15	10	9
"	Liver	豬 肝	lb.	48	30	24
Pork	Chop	豬 排	"	38	25	23
"	Leg	豬 腿	"	38	—	—
"	Loins	豬 腰	"	44	60	70
"	Fat or Lard	豬 油	"	28	21	—
Sheep's	Head & Feet	羊 頭 腳	per set	90	60	70
"	Heart	羊 心	each	12	8	7
"	Kidneys	羊 腰	"	15	12	10
"	Liver	羊 肝	"	45	28	25
Suckling	Pigs, to order	乳 豬	lb.	25	25	22
Suet,	Beef	牛 油	"	30	20	18
"	Mutton	羊 油	"	36	26	26
Veal		牛 仔 肉	"	22	20	20
"	Sausages	牛 仔 腸	"	28	—	—
			"	32	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鮡魚	lb.	48	16	24
Bream	鯉魚	"	25	20	16
Canton Fresh Water	淡水魚	"	25	—	—
Carp	鯽魚	"	28	18	16
Catfish	鰱魚	"	26	16	27
Codfish	鱈魚	"	28	12	9
Crabs	蟹	"	30	16	17
Cuttle Fish	墨魚	"	20	23	25
Dab	牙片	"	26	16	27
Dace	黃魚	"	36	23	16
Dog Fish	鮫魚	"	10	10	—
Eels, Conger	鰻魚	"	28	10	8
" Fresh Water	淡水鰻	"	25	16	—
" Yellow	黃鰻	"	30	10	8
Frogs	蛙	"	68	20	30
Garoupa	石斑	"	64	32	25
Gudgeon	石斑	"	22	40	30
Herrings	鱈魚	"	22	18	22
Halibut	比目魚	"	30	18	23
Labrus	石斑	"	32	18	13
Loach	小魚	"	60	32	13
Lobsters	龍蝦	"	50	62	24
Monk Fish	鮟鱇	"	28	32	21
Mullet	鱻魚	"	34	20	20
Oysters	生蠔	"	28	18	2
Parrot Fish	鸚鵡魚	"	32	12	9
Perch	鱖魚	"	22	10	15
Pike	鱸魚	"	32	16	9
Plaice	比目魚	"	35	38	20
Pomfret, White	白鯧	"	50	38	30
Pomfret, Black	黑鯧	"	38	35	45
Prawns	蝦	"	62	10	14
Ray	魷魚	"	15	10	14
Rock Fish	石斑	"	22	18	18
Roach	石斑	"	28	22	10
Salmon	鮭魚	"	50	36	30
Shark	鯊魚	"	16	8	10
Skate	魷魚	"	16	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	"	42	32	80
Snapper	魚	"	42	28	28
Soles	魚	"	32	22	28
Tench	魚	"	28	26	35
Turbot	魚	"	28	12	12
Turtles, small, fr. water	龜	"	120	40	—

			Mar. 10, June, June,		
			1931.	1918.	1914.
Poultry.					
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	60	30	31
Capons, Small	雞	"	60	28	30
Capons, Large	雞	"	64	28	30
Duck	鴨	"	45	22	21
Doves	鴿	each	40	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	35	15	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	"	38	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	72	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	"	55	35	24
Geese	鴨	"	45	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	60	80	—
" Hollow	海鴿	"	45	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞	lb.	75	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	"	60	61	45
Snipe	沙鵲	each	40	—	—
Pheasant	山鵲	pair	3.00	—	—
Quail	鶉	each	60	—	—
Partridges	鶉	"	1.10	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	85	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	30	23	—
Bananas (bride's)	蕉山香蕉	"	6	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	"	—	12	—
Coconuts	椰子	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	12	25	30
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	18	8	—
Lichoes, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	80	25	80
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	"	18	—	—
Oranges	橙	"	25	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	"	18	—	—
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10	12
Perlimmons, Large	紅柿	"	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	"	5	8	—
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	18	12	6
Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	20	—	16
Grapes	番提子	"	60	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	蕪菁	each	12	—	2
Beans, Sprout	豆苗	lb.	5	—	7
" Long	長豆	"	—	8	—
Beet Root	紅菜頭	"	12	—	—
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	"	6	24	—
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	"	18	5	3
" Red	紅瓜	"	6	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	菜	"	8	—	—
" (Shanghai)	上海菜	"	10	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	蔗	"	10	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜花	each	20	—	—
" (Medium)	中椰菜花	"	16	—	—
" (Small)	小椰菜花	"	14	6	6
Carrots	金櫻	lb.	6	5	6
Celery, Chinese	菜	"	10	10	6
Chillies, Dried	椒	"	16	25	5
" Red	紅椒	"	12	10	10
" Green	青椒	"	8	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	芫荽料	"	10	8	—
Cucumbers	瓜	"	18	2	—
Garlic	蒜	"	10	6	6
Ginger, Young	蔴子	"	6	7	—
" Old	老蔴	"	6	20	—
Horse-radish, Shanghai	蔴	"	35	8	4
Indian Corn	粟	"	8	45	—
Lettuce	生菜	"	6	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	"	10	—	8
" Mandarin	林馬蹄	"	12	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草	"	—	—	8
Okroos	菜	"	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	"	10	8	8
" Green	蔥	"	8	4	6
" Shanghai	上海蔥	"	8	6	—
Paraley	芥菜	"	10	60	8
Potato, Sweet	甘薯	"	5	3	—
" Japanese	日本薯	"	4	3	—
" American	金山薯	"	—	3	—
Pumpkin	冬瓜	"	6	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔	"	5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	紅蘿蔔	"	15	—	10
Shallots	蔥	"	6	—	8
Spinach	大草	"	6	8	—
Tomatoes	茄	"	12	4	—
Taro	芋	"	5	7	—
Turnips, Puncti (Long)	蘿蔔	"	6	6	—
Vegetable Marrow	洋菜	"	—	4	—
Water Cress	蔴	"	3	15	—
Water Lily Root	蔴	"	5	15	—

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WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

Addition to Two Years'
Estimates.
REUTER'S CABLE SERVICE.

At the meeting of the Finance
Committee on Thursday afternoon
the following Supplemental Votes
will be considered:-

Estimates, 1930.
Miscellaneous Services:- Grant
in aid of Institution: School of
Oriental Studies, London Institution,
\$493.

Provision made in Estimates
\$327; Provision made by Supple-
mentary Vote, \$162—Total, \$479.

The grant of £30 to the School
of Oriental Studies, London, for
the year 1931 was provided for in
1931 Estimates and instructions
were issued to the Crown Agents
in November, 1930, to make the
necessary payment early in the
present year.

Inadvertently the Crown Agents
paid the grant in December of last
year and it becomes necessary to
ask for a vote of \$493 to cover this
item.

The amount provided in the cur-
rent Estimates will lapse.

Treasury:-Incidental Expenses,
\$100.

Provision made in Estimates,
\$100.

This vote has been exceeded by
reason of an unanticipated in-
crease in the cost of certain small
stores ordered in December.

The above is to be met from
savings under Conveyance Allow-
ance.

Prisons Department:-Inciden-
tal Expenses, \$80.

Provision made in Estimates
\$2,000; Provision made by Supple-
mentary Vote, \$100—Total, \$2,100.

The Supplementary Vote proved
to be insufficient to meet Crown
Agents' charges later received.

The above is to be met from
savings under rent of quarters for
Indian Wardens.

Estimates, 1931.
Education:-Other Charges. Ex-
penses of course of study, \$1,091.

To provide fees not exceeding
\$50 to enable Mr. L. G. Morgan,
science master in the Education
Department, to attend an advance
course in education at the London
Day Training College which is the
London University School of
Pedagogy in the Faculty of Arts.

Miscellaneous Services:-Con-
tribution for News Services,
\$11,000.

Provision made in Estimates,
\$8,400.

Government's liability for this
Reuter service is £200 per month
plus the cost of telegrams esti-
mated at \$500 p.m.

Liability under the present
agreement extends to April 30 and
it is estimated that a further vote
of \$11,000 will be required there-
for.

The sum provided in the Esti-
mates was under-estimated and the
deficit accentuated by the fall in
exchange.

Education:-Medical Expenses.
Bills of Doctors and Opticians,
\$2,500.

The Finance Committee on De-
cember 4, 1930, voted the sum of
\$915 to meet doctors' and op-
ticians' fees in accordance with a
decision that the previous practice
of deposits should be replaced by
a system of crediting revenue with
the sums paid by parents and de-
biting expenditure with the fees
in question. A vote for \$2,500 is
now requested in order to continue
the new practice in 1931, no pro-
vision having been made in the
Estimates for this year. The re-
venue collected under "Entrance
Fees" will fully cover the expen-
diture.

WRITTEN BY A "CAD?"

BALDWIN ATTACKS
HIS ABUSERS.

BAD TEMPER

HOME JOURNALISM
JEERED AT!

London, Yesterday.

The Queen's Hall, London, was
crowded to-day on the occasion of
a speech by Mr. Stanley Baldwin
in support of Capt. Duff Cooper,
the official Conservative candidate
at St. George's, Westminster, by-
election, where he is opposed by
Sir Ernest Petter (Independent
Conservative).

Mr. Baldwin said that he broke
the rule that party leaders should
not speak at by-elections because
the circumstances of this case
were exceptional.

The British Press was the ad-
miration of the world for fairness,
ability, and high principles, but
the Rothermere and Beaverbrook
newspapers were engines of pro-
paganda for the constantly chang-
ing policies, desires, personal
wishes, likes, and dislikes of two
men—(cheers)—whose methods
were misrepresentation, half-
truths, and suppression.

Legal Advice.

Mr. Baldwin declared that the
statement in the Daily Mail on
March 9 in reference to his
fortune could only have
been written by a cad. (Cheers).
He had been legally advised that
he could sue for libel in that con-
nection, but he would not move in
the matter because an apology
would be valueless and he would
not touch damages with a barge
pole. (Cheers).

Mr. Baldwin concluded by say-
ing that it was no credit that an
old man like himself should stand
up against the mud of abuse. His
position was made. Let them
throw him out if they could, but

DILEMMA FOR NUT AND BOLT TRADE.

Judge Orders Closing of
Association.

OFFENDS ANTI-TRUST LAWS.

New York, Yesterday.

Federal Judge Coleman has or-
dered the dissolution of the Bolt,
Nut and Rivet Manufacturers' As-
sociation on the ground that it vi-
olated the Sherman Anti-Trust
Laws. The Association controls
95 per cent. of the industry.

To Form Another.

The President of the Bolt and
Rivet Association says that the
members propose to form a new
Association which will conform
with the laws. He says that he
has the Government's permission to
do this.—Reuter's American Ser-
vice.

RUBBER PARLEY.

DUTCH PRODUCERS GOING TO
LONDON.

RESUMPTION OF TALK.

Amsterdam, Yesterday.

It is officially stated that the
Dutch Rubber Committee to-day
interviewed the Colonial Minister
and leaves for London on March
20 to resume the conference, in
which French and Belgian pro-
ducers are expected to participate.
—Reuter.

young men like Capt. Duff Cooper
knew that they were marked men
by that Press. Nevertheless, they
were ready to stick it out.

In fighting for Capt. Duff
Cooper they were not merely
fighting for the best type of Bri-
ton but striking a blow that
would resound through London
for the decadencies of public life and
honest British journalism.

(Cheers).
A number of interrupters was
ejected from the meeting.—
Reuter.

AMUSEMENTS

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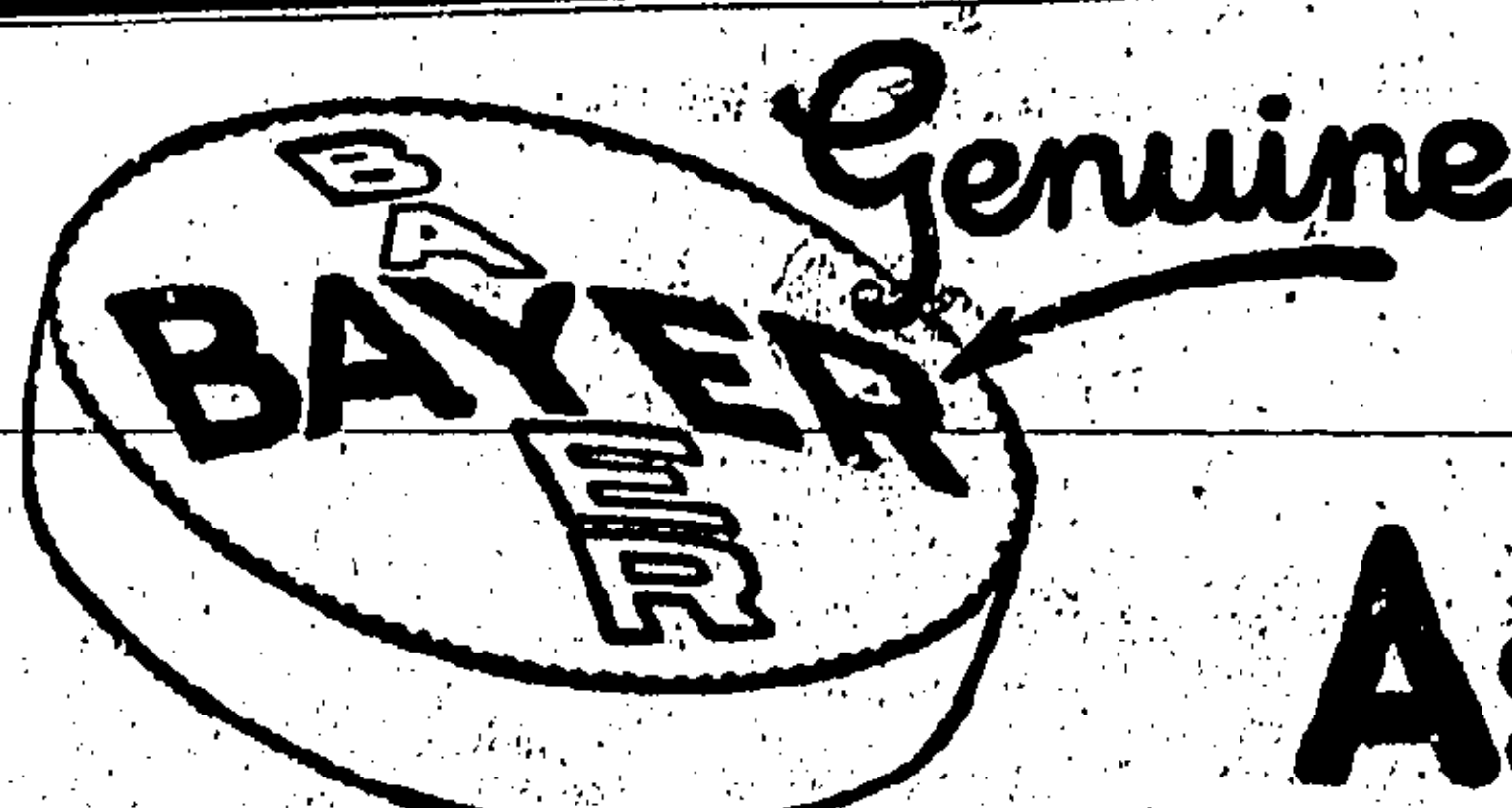
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